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Truly scary characters out to play at Hallowe'en!



Photographer MIKE WILCOCK captured some of the scary people out over Hallowe'en in Llanblethian – and as you can see, the youngsters had a great time.

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PACKED STREETS CAUSE PROBLEM AS PARENTS DROP OFF CHILDREN

A Cowbridge resident has said that the 'arrival policy' at the local comprehensive school has a knock-on effect in the town on weekday mornings.

In late September, a commuter who regularly passes the school in the morning, told The GEM that he was worried about the possibility of an accident outside the school because of "children narrowly missed by vehicles as they are dropped

off for school". At the time, the school explained that children's safety was of paramount importance and that every step was taken to ensure that 'drop-offs' were conducted safely, but there was a minority of road users who chose to ignore traffic regulations outside the school, which caused problems.

This week, another resident contacted The GEM to say: "This (arrivals) policy has also caused a significant increase in the number of parents

dropping their children off in the Druids Green, Millfield Drive areas in the morning.

"I often have to negotiate the barrage of parents driving into the estate to drop off their children when I leave for work."

"This can cause problems because the roads are narrow, only allowing for one car to pass if residents have parked on the road outside their homes."

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ITAKE great pleasure in being able to thank The GEM for the support shown by yourself, and your advertising staff, during the run-up to our Cardiff group recruitment evening on October 20, at Fairwater Conservative Club.

No fewer than 21 prospective members joined with existing choristers for an 'introduction' evening under the guidance of our deputy conductor, Jo Herco-Thomas, accompanied by Karen Sampson.

While some visitors had come through personal contact, we definitely know that a number took part as a direct result of reading the editorial (October 8) or the advertorial (October 15) in your excellent newspaper.

None of this would have been possible without the professionalism of our music team and your staff.

The generous charitable advertising rate was very much appreciated, as well!

On behalf of Cor Meibion De Cymru – The South Wales Male Choir – please accept our most grateful thanks.

Phil Howells

'Too many charity clothes bags come through letter box'

Iwrite in connection with a recent GEM letter from a woman who complained that she gets too many charity clothes bags put through her letterbox.

I live on my own and had a similar problem. It was suggested to me that I put a notice on my door saying 'No cold callers'.

This managed to stop advertising leaflets, but I needed to add the words 'No charity bags' before I could stop the clothes bags.

(Name and address withheld)

'£2 for food bags is out of order'

WORD on the street is that Vale residents now have to pay £2 for green food waste bags.

This information became available to me, ironically on the day that I learned of the Vale Council winning an award for their management of waste.

The proposed charge could see people return to their previous ways of food waste disposal.

Black bags can be bought for as little as 69p and the £2 charge for green bags during this round of Government cuts may well outweigh the drive to care for the environment.

The Vale Council will need to make the most of this award as it seems unlikely that they will be considered for another.

Mrs L Cummins, Barry.

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'WE HAVE OPPOSED THE HOMES PLANS' SAYS WELSH TORY LEADER

INOTED with interest the comments last week made by Gareth Jones of Colwinston, in a letter regarding the Welsh Conservatives' proposals for a new planning regime across Wales.

Having met Mr Jones and discussed some of the appalling planning decisions made by the Welsh Government and the Vale of Glamorgan Council, I fully respect his views and opinions; however, there were a couple of inaccuracies which I feel duty-bound to correct.

Firstly, the comment was made that the Welsh Conservatives have not opposed the current housing building policy forced upon our communities by the Welsh Labour Government. This is incorrect.

I can assure Mr Jones and residents right across the Vale that we have been vehement in our objections; please check the record of proceedings at the Assembly or through numerous correspondence I have submitted to the Minister, which I can happily provide.

Where Mr Jones is correct, is in his statement that the current housing policy is being forced on local communities across the Vale by the central governing power, the Welsh Labour Government.

The numbers put forward and demanded by the Welsh Government has placed the Vale in a difficult predicament – most reasonable people will see the numbers expected are simply not matched by the demand.

Where constituents have sought my help, I have endeavoured to do all that I can to make the strongest possible representations to the Welsh Government, including placing a number of call-in requests.

Unfortunately, these have been refused by a Welsh Labour Government which is hell-bent on forcing these absurd housing numbers on the Vale.

Under the current administration, local authorities such as the Vale have little or no freedom to develop plans that suit their local communities. We want to change that and give a voice to people such as Mr Jones, who rightly feel

'Parking is not cheap as chips'

IWAS very surprised to read a letter from Coun Gwyn John in last week's GEM criticising our MP for voting to reduce in-work welfare benefits.

Is this the same councillor who is trying to impose car parking charges in Barry town centre?

These charges will be paid by some of the lowest paid workers in Barry, who staff businesses around Holton Road.

In a recent scrutiny committee meeting, he described £5 per day parking charges as "cheap as chips".

I can assure Coun John that £25 per week just to park near your workplace is not "cheap as chips".

It will make working people who drive to work £1,300 worse off each year.

He stated in his letter that he knows what it is like to work for decades on a basic wage in a high street shop.

He should remember those who are in the situation that he himself was in only a few years ago, and drop the proposed parking charges.

Gillian Bruce, Barry.

their views have been ignored.

Welsh Labour's current proposals also have us joining with Cardiff in a so-called 'super authority'. The housing numbers that need to be delivered in Cardiff are more challenging than what we currently see in the Vale – this proposed reorganisation would see the Vale of Glamorgan becoming an ever-increasing dormitory for Cardiff. It is worth noting, the current Vale Labour AM, Jane Hutt, has backed these plans at every stage.

As leader of the Welsh Conservatives, I make no apology for wanting to deliver a Welsh Government which puts power into the hands of local people – and next May people across the Vale will have that choice.

Yet more control and dictation from the centre, or choice driven by communities free from the shackles of monstrously absurd targets set by Labour housing ministers who have little to no idea about the character and makeup of the many communities across the Vale.

Andrew RT Davies, Leader of the Welsh Conservatives.

'Schools merger at Cadoxton not a good idea'

WITH reference to an article in your newspaper dated Thursday, October 22 by Coun Chris Elmore, concerning a proposed merger of Cadoxton primary school and Cadoxton nursery school, my question is why – when they are both being run very effectively by two headteachers?

Cadoxton nursery has always been a stand-alone school, so

why change something by having one head teacher to oversee two different buildings that are working so well?

Therefore, there should be a clear, comprehensive and coherent structure of reasons why, in an open debate, on why this merger should take place with persons from the close-knit Cadoxton community.

In my opinion, this is not a good idea. Lynne Nesbitt, Barry.

No voting for independence

FROM last week's letters, it seems that your readers expect our MP to represent the views of his constituents in the House of Commons votes.

However, having rarely if ever voted against his party leader, Mr Alun Cairns can hardly be expected to show independence of

mind now. While it is a fact that the majority of the citizens of the Vale did not vote for him, or his party's policies, he fails to take their views into account.

A classic example was when he intended to vote for the extension of fox hunting, despite public opinion polls and the lack of any consultation within Barry and its suburbs.

Steve Reed, Rhooose.

COLLEGE WILL CONTINUE TO LOBBY FOR ALLOTMENTS

WE have recently been given a decision by the Vale Council that green space next to our college site can't be turned into community allotments.

The council has marked the site for traveller use, although it has already been described as unfit for human habitation as the lands flood and suffer from coastal erosion.

The college put our legal application for allotments in several years ago, as we hoped our students – some of whom have profound disabilities and will not be able to find work experience placements anywhere else – would be able to benefit from using the allotments for community integration and social inclusion.

It would have also helped to develop their horticulture and gardening skills.

The council denied our allotment scheme, despite stating that their 'Vision for the Vale of Glamorgan is a place... where there is a strong sense of community in which local groups and individuals have the capacity and incentive to make an effective

contribution to the future sustainability of the area'.

The council also stated in a Local Development Plan (written in 2013) that their objective is 'to sustain and further the development of sustainable communities within the Vale of Glamorgan, providing opportunities for living, learning, working and socialising for all'.

Beechwood College is a major local employer with approximately 200 people employed at the site. We also care for over 60 students with Asperger's and autism spectrum condition – which is twice the number we had envisaged when we originally acquired the college site in 2003.

As we now cater for so many students, we had hoped that the building of allotments would encourage successful integration of our local community and our students, something many of our students would benefit highly from.

We hope to raise awareness of this situation and hope people will support us as we lobby against the council's decision. Bethan Jane Leaver, Beechwood College.

Stagedoor triumph

IAM writing to say how absolutely amazing were the recent performances of *Starlight Express* by Stagedoor 1 – the hours of practice really showed, as the whole cast were almost faultless.

It was a visual assault on the eyes and the race scenes were fast and furious. The average age of the performers was 15 years old, but you would have thought this was a professional show.

Well done to all those involved, both on the stage and behind the scenes.

A Jones, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL NOVEMBER 12)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
05 Thur	00.53	7.7	13.31	7.8
06 Fri	02.05	7.8	14.36	8.0
07 Sat	03.18	8.1	15.32	8.4
08 Sun	04.06	8.5	16.24	8.9
09 Mon	04.48	8.9	17.07	9.2
10 Tues	05.25	9.3	17.41	9.4
11 Wed	05.58	9.5	18.12	9.6
12 Thur	06.31	9.7	18.48	9.7

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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'LET'S ALL STOP THE BLOCK' IN COWBRIDGE



ABOVE; Pupils at Ysgol Y Bont Faen, the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian Coun David Morris and Mary Watkins from Welsh Water.

WELSH Water has launched a campaign in Cowbridge to help local residents to reduce pollution and potential sewage flooding of homes.

Starting at Ysgol Y Bont Faen Primary School, the Let's Stop the Block campaign aims to transform customers' behaviour when it comes to putting things down the toilet and disposing of fat, oil and grease down the sink.

Welsh Water reports that there have been around 110 sewer blockages in Cowbridge last year alone, making it one of Wales' blockage hotspots.

This is part of a much wider problem across the country, as the company deals with 28,000 blockages a year, and the problem, costs the not-for-profit company £7 million a year to fix.

As part of the campaign, customers will learn how they can do their bit to stop sewer blockages from causing flooding in their homes and communities. This will include:

- asking individuals and businesses to join the Let's Stop the Block campaign by signing our online pledge;
- arranging for the company's education team to visit local schools with interactive lessons;
- visiting local businesses to advise on the role they can play in helping to Stop the Block.

Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water's Director of Waste Water Services, Steve Wilson, said: "Most of the blockages we deal with in Cowbridge are caused by everyday items put down the toilet such as wipes, sanitary towels, cotton buds and dental floss, as well as fat, oil and grease that people have put

down their drains.

"A lot of people aren't even aware that these items can cause sewer flooding and pollution in their homes and communities. It is actually illegal to throw or empty anything into our network that's likely to damage a sewer or drain, or to interfere with its free flow.

"Anyone who has suffered a flood in their home because of a blocked drain or sewer will know the damage and personal upset that it causes. With the collective support of enough people, we will be able to reduce the blockages, floods and pollution that cause so much distress.

Reducing these blockages will also mean that our not-for-profit company will also be able to invest more in other improvements on behalf of our customers."

The Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Coun David Morris, said: "It was quite an eye opener to discover that in the course of a year, over 130 blockages occur, of which FOG (fat, oil and grease) are responsible for 10 per cent, while 60 per cent is caused by sewer abuse. "I was amazed that one in 30 houses in Cowbridge will suffer a blockage, with the majority being caused by depositing inappropriate items via the toilet into the sewerage system."

Find out more and take our pledge at <http://letsstoptheblock.com/>

St Athan man guilty of child abduction

A MAN who broke an order preventing him having contact with a teenage girl, and who was also involved in setting fire to his car after it collided with a wall, has been sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment at Cardiff Crown Court, writes AJ SICLUNA.

Michael Mazur (21) who has no previous convictions, of Lougher Place, St Athan, was told by recorder David Aubrey QC: "An immediate custodial sentence is inevitable to mark the gravity of what you did and to show others they can't behave with impunity."

Mazur pleaded guilty to a charge of child abduction, and perverting the course of justice.

Prosecutor Julian Greenwood said Mazur knew a teenage girl. The police issued him with a child abduction order notice in June, banning him from having any contact with her.

But, said Mr Greenwood, on August 4, Mazur was driving in Lavernock Road, Penarth, in his red Peugeot car when he lost control and spun around and collided with a wall.

The girl concerned was in the car, and in the back was a man holding a bottle of whisky. Minutes later, Mazur poured petrol over the car and it went up in flames.

Later, Mazur told the police: "I lost control, the car hit a wall and burst into flames."

He added that he believed the brakes had

failed. He also said he believed that the abduction notice had expired and that he had seen the girl "by chance".

The Recorder asked: "Why was he not charged with arson?"

The Recorder said he wanted enquiries made by the police and the Crown Prosecution Service as to why this didn't occur.

"I want a written explanation with a reason. This seems to be another example of serious undercharging."

Mazur's solicitor, Adam Sharp, said the girl involved was mature for her age and he believed she was 16 or 17.

"She had given him the impression the notice had expired."

Mazur, he added, was immature and acted recklessly, stupidly and naively.

He had been in custody for 12 weeks and the vehicle involved was only worth £200.

In the past, said Mr Sharp, there had been concern about Mazur self-harming.

"These indiscretions were isolated," he said.

Said the Recorder: "You defied a Child Abduction Notice. After the accident, you falsely reported the matter and said the vehicle had been stolen."

"When interviewed by the police, you lied. I accept the child was in the vehicle consensually."

Recorder Aubrey made a restraining order preventing Mazur contacting the girl for three years and he imposed a criminal court charge of £900 and a victim surcharge of £100.

Traders meet with council to discuss parking fees plan...

TRADERS in Barry and Cowbridge are holding meetings with the Vale Council after a petition collected over 5,000 signatures protesting against plans to introduce car parking charges.

Fifty traders on Holton Road in the seaside town were meeting the local authority last night (Wednesday, November 4) and 74 more from Cowbridge will meet the council at the Bear Hotel on Monday, November 9, at 6pm.

The GEM has reported concerns by traders and residents about the potential negative impact of car parking charges in both towns, after the plans were announced.

Vale MP Alun Cairns has also expressed concern over the plans and lack of engagement with the community.

"The traders and residents in Barry and Cowbridge deserve a great deal of credit in dragging the Vale Council to the table to consult. I find it deeply disappointing that it took

letters and signatures from hundreds of businesses and thousands of residents just to get the Vale Council into the same room," the MP said.

"The Vale Council should have consulted before adopting any money making schemes that will have a significant and damaging impact on our most cherished high streets. The feedback from these meetings should play a key role in any future parking policy, and I hope lessons will be

learned for future decisions that could affect any community in the Vale."

Ross England, Conservative Assembly candidate, said: "The council must take on board the valid and considered opinions from those who know our communities best. "Divisive and destructive policies on car parking would have a direct impact on hundreds of local jobs and residents living nearby."

School drop-off policy has knock-on effect in Cowbridge

I HAVE read with interest your articles concerning the new pupil arrival policy at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, which has been causing traffic problems, as well as a potential risk to pupils when they are dropped off on Aberthyn Road.

READER'S VIEWPOINT

parents driving into the estate to drop off their children when I leave for work.

This can cause problems because the roads are narrow, only allowing for one car to pass if residents have parked on the road outside their homes.

I also wondered that if this number of children need a lift to school because they live outside of the Cowbridge area, surely they should be provided with transport by the local authority? Margaret Mills Lewis, Cowbridge.

This policy has also caused a significant increase in the number of parents dropping their children off in the Druids Green, Millfield Drive areas in the morning.

I often have to negotiate the barrage of

VALLEYS DISPLAY

GILES Gallery at The Old Methodist Church, Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun CF7 9EG will feature 'Made in the Valleys', an exhibition which will run from November 14-December 5, featuring the art and craft work of many local artists.

Richard Nock's photography students from The Studio, Pontyclun will exhibit their work from December 8-9.

A 'BIGsmallART' exhibition runs from December 12 to Christmas Eve; Tues - Sat, 10am - 5pm. 01443 228638.



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FULL HOUSE FOR BINGO!

YES, it truly was a full house in Cowbridge last month. The main raffle prize was a meal for two at the Shampan, an award-winning Indian restaurant, featuring sub-continent cuisine.

This was won by Alan Grant, an ex-Para, who said he and his wife "enjoyed it immensely - particularly the ice cream sweet, which was fantastical!"

The next social bingo session is on Thursday, November 12, at 7pm for 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall. Come along, bringing your dabber, wine, and friends!

Make a note that our Christmas 'do' is on Thursday, December 10. Basil Watkins

HALLOWEEN IN LLANTWIT – AND SHADY CHARACTERS ARE OUT AND ABOUT!

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LLANTWIT MAJOR has developed quite a reputation in recent years for having a great Halloween, and local photographer, Andy Wicks, captured a number of exotic and colourful groups enjoying the fun atmosphere.



COMMUNITY NEWS

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TREOES, LLANTWIT
& ST MARY HILL

Treoes get-together
GO along to the Treoes village hall on Friday, November 13 and join Friends of Saron, the Wednesday group, and Saron Chapel enthusiasts.

Guest speakers are
Suryiah Evans in
compass training, and

Manon Philips of Visit Wales. From 6.30pm – 8.30pm, everyone is assured of a warm welcome. Refreshments available.

Saron service
THE service at Saron Chapel, Treoes, which took place on Sunday, November 1 was well attended, due to the officiating cleric Rev Trevor Harry, who has close family members living in St Mary Hill.



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Young Farmers at Senedd



Andrew RT Davies AM, with Maendy Young Farmers.

MAENDY Young Farmers Club was recently welcomed at the Senedd by the leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies.

The group, aged between 10 and 26, enjoyed a tour and finished with a challenging Q&A for the South Wales Central regional AM.

WI celebrates Welsh food and drink

THE October meeting of St Hilary WI was held in the village hall on Tuesday, October 13.

It was confirmed that a conducted tour of the Welsh Sennedd buildings had been arranged for Friday, October 23 and that all members were invited.

It was also agreed that members who were interested would meet at the Potting Shed Gift Shop, Llantrisant on Wednesday, October 28 for a browse with Christmas in mind and a light lunch.

Details for the Christmas dinner were finalised and the menu, to be catered again this year by Jane

Morgan and her team, was agreed.

The speaker this month was Sian Roberts with a talk about Welsh food and drink with tasters.

Sian has a long association with Welsh food and she runs the company Loving Welsh Food – Cardiff Tasting Tours.

Members were surprised to hear how many products there are here in Wales. Cider, perry, beer, wine and whisky are just a few of the beverages available, not to mention the pure, naturally filtered water which is bottled here.

Welsh cooking recipes have been handed down from generation to generation and are mostly aimed at families, being simple, nutritious and easy to cook.

Much of the land in Wales is ideal for animal rearing and there is a long coastline supplying sea food.

Sian is about to host a new TV show, also called *Loving Welsh Food*, on the Made in Cardiff channel.

The first show starts on Tuesday, October 27 and Sian will be promoting Welsh food and drink and cooking traditional recipes such as Welsh Rarebit and Laverbread outcakes.

The evening finished with the usual delicious refreshments.

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COWBRIDGE U3A

THE next meeting will be entitled 'Sydney Opera House' by Prof Richard Weston, at 2pm on Wednesday, November 11 in Cowbridge Town Hall. Visitors welcome (with a small fee, which includes refreshments).

St Brides Major Community Council

THE November meeting will take place on November 9 at 7pm in All Saints' Church, Southerndown.



The St Donat's Chorale singing at Bath Abbey.

ST DONAT'S CHORALE RETURN TO LLANTWIT

FOLLOWING their summer performances at Bath Abbey, the choir, now renamed after becoming a registered charity in their own right, return to Llantwit and St Illtud's Church for their autumn concert entitled 'From King to Queen'.

An exciting variety of music from the reign of King Henry the VIII right up to our present day Queen Elizabeth, which will include choral pieces by Bach, Elgar and Rutter sung in English and Latin, to present century classics such as 'I can Give You the Starlight', 'The Way You Look Tonight', 'Bridge Over Troubled Water' and 'You'll Never Walk Alone' plus

many others.

There will also be some traditional African, French, and Welsh music, sung in their native languages to give a really varied and exciting programme to suit all music tastes.

The concert takes place on Saturday,

November 14 at 7.30pm.

Tickets at £10 for adults and £8 for concessions will be available on the door at St Illtud's Church or can be purchased in advance online from the choir website

www.stdonats.org.com, or from Nickelly's Book

Shop in Llantwit Major.

Anybody who enjoys singing is eligible to join us in rehearsals at Atlantic College in St Donat's, every Monday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Contact Richard Bayliss at rjd1349@hotmail.co.uk.

Vale homes scheme nears completion

A VALE housing scheme creating 23 new affordable homes and a public open space, is one of the projects helping the Welsh Government reach its 10,000 affordable homes target a year early.

A total of £2.7m was invested in the Old Station, Gilestone, which includes flats, bungalows and houses with adaptations for families with identified needs. Work started on site in November 2014 and is due to complete in January 2016. Latest

figures reveal the Welsh Government has already achieved 91 per cent of its target to provide 10,000 additional affordable homes this Assembly term, with over a year to go.

A spokesman said: "In 2014 - 15, 2,218 affordable homes were delivered across Wales, bringing the total number provided since 2011 to 9,108. In the Vale of Glamorgan 169 affordable homes were delivered in 2014 - 15 and the total since 2011 was 345. The data is a clear signal the Welsh Government is on track to surpass its ambitious target by May 2016."

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Gweithdy dan arweiniad Mei Gwynedd (Sibrydion, Endaf Gremlin), ble byddwch yn dysgu cordiau syml ar yr ukulele a mynd ati i gyd-chwarae rhai o'r goreuon o gerddoriaeth Gymraeg, yn ogystal ag ambell i gân Nadoligaidd!

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LLONGYFARCHIADAU mawr i drefnwyr Ras y Bontfaen am lwyddo i godi dros bum mil o bunnau i Ymchwil Canser, a diolch hefyd am drefnu digwyddiad teuluol gwyh.

Roedd dewis rhwng rhedeg 5km neu 10km ond yn bwysicach fyth gellid cerdded y daith hefyd. Roedd yr haul yn tywynnu gyda naws hydrefol hyfryd i'r diwmod, ac er y chwysu roedd llond y cae rygbi o chwerthin hefyd. Diwrnod i deimlo'n falch - am fwy nag un rheswm - i fod yn fyw ac yn iach.

Un o'r datblygiadau mwyaf cyffrous diweddar ym myd rhedeg yw'r Parkrun a gynhelir mewn parciau amrywiol ym mhob cwr o Brydain. Mae pob Parkrun am ddim; pob un am 9 y bore ar fore Sadwrn; pob un yn 5km ac yn bwysicach na dim, nid oes hawl galw Parkrun yn ras. Ar ben hynny, mae pawb yn cael eu gosod yn ôl eu hoedran, felly, er engraifft, mae person yn ei bumdegau sy'n heini yn gallu curo pobl ifanc llawer iau. O odi, mae hynna'n deimlad i'fanc!

Yn ddiweddar dechreuwyd Parkrun newydd ar Ynys y Barri, ac mae'n siwr gen i mai hwn yw un o'r rhai prydferthaf ym Mhrydain. Mae'n dechrau dan y Cysgod Dwyreiniol ar y prom, heibio caffi Marco's, trwy'r gerddi pert uwchben y prom a thuag at benrhyn Bae Jackson. Troi i'r chwith wrth orsaf Gwylwyr y Glannau ac yn ôl eto tuag at y prom. Ac yn y Barri, mor agos i'r môr, mae'r olygfa yn newid yn wythnosol yn ddibynol ar fympw'r tywydd.

Yng Nghaerdydd mae'r Parkrun yno ar hyd llwybrau godidog caeau Llandaf ger yr afon yn un o'r hynaf ac mae dros 600 o redwyr yno bob bore Sadwrn. Rhai yno i ymgeisio am 'pb' ac eraill yno yn mwynhau loncian gyda'r babi yn y bygi neu'r ci yn gwmi.

A chofiwch, ar Fawrth y 26ain 2016 mae rhedwyr gorau'r byd yn dod i Gaerdydd i gystadlu ym mhencampwriaeth hanner marathôn y byd ac mae croeso cynnes i chithau redeg gyda nhw! Mae tipyn o ffordd rhwng rhedeg 5km ac 13.1 milltir ond mae ganddoch chi bron i bump mis i ymarfer. Sialens newydd wych ar gyfer 2016!

Ysgol y Mis – Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig

ROEDD yr uned blynyddoedd cynnar yn llawn prysurdeb dros wyliau'r Haf.

Bu adeiladwyr yn weithgar yn gosod cegin newydd, ystafell ymgynnull ac uno'r dosbarthiadau Derbyn i greu un ardal ddysgu triawdol. Gosodwyd arwydd newydd a deiniadol ar brif fynedfa'r Uned – rhodd hael iawn gan Mr.Jackson Harris.

Roedd athrawon a disgyblion y Dosbarthiadau Meithrin a'r Derbyn yn weithgar iawn ar ddechrau'r tymor yn greu ardaloedd diddorol, ymchwiliol ac ysgogol. Roedd hi'n amser ymgyrtrefi.

Sêr S4C

Mae disgyblion y Blynyddoedd Cynnar yn teimlo fel Sêr y sgrin wrth i'r rhaglen "Yr Ysgol" ddarlledu ar S4C bob bore Iau. Rhaglen yn olrhain digwyddiadau a gweithgareddau bywiog yn Ysgol Llanrug yng Ngogledd Cymru a ni yma yn Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig. Bu cwmni Boom yn ffilmio gyda ni dros gyfnod o chwe mis a'r dynion camera a'r sain wrth eu boddau yng

nghwmni'r disgyblion.

"Plant cwrtais a chyfeillgar ac ysgol croesawgar ac ymroddgar" meddai Nia Elin y cynhyrchydd.

Dathlu Cwpan Rygbi'r Byd

Roedd dyfodiad Cwpan Rygbi'r Byd yn gyfle euraidd ini gefnogi Cymru, Corey Allen cyn-ddisgybl i'r ysgol, a chadw'n heini. Profiad bythgofiadwy oedd gweld Corey'n gwisgo crys Cymru er gwaetha'r siom o anaf cynnar yn y

twrnament.

Trefnodd Miss.Withey a Chyngor Chwaraeon yr ysgol ddiwmod o ddathlu ar gaeau'r ysgol. Gwisgodd bawb coch a chafodd pob plentyn o'r Meithrin i'w fwyddyn 6 y cyfle i basio a chicio pêl rygbi neu chwarae gêm tag rygbi wrth i'r anthem genedlaethol greu naws cyffrous yn y cefndir. Am ddiwmod i gofio!

Halibalw yr Hydref

Rydym wrth ein boddau yn croesaw'r

Hydref yn Sant Curig. Mae tir eang yr ysgol yn cynnig cyfleoedd gwyh i weithio yn yr awyr agored.

Hoff weithgareddau'r disgyblion oedd croesawu pedwar crwbach bach i'r uned am y dydd, mynd ar helfa'r Hydref, chwyrlio ymysg y coed gyda rhubbannau dawnsio coch, oren a melyn a chreu gwaith celf enfawr ymysg y coed. Roedd casglu afalau yn yr ardd yn fenter a digonedd yna i goginio chytini i'r Ffair Nadolig. Casglwyd

pwmpen hefyd a bu Mrs. Jones a'r disgyblion wrthi'n creu cawl pwmpen am ddeuddydd! Uchafbwynt y gweithgareddau oedd cynnal Parti'r Hydref. Cyfle i bawb wisgo fel anifail, lliw neu cynnyrch yr Hydref, mwynhau bwyta eu cawl pwmpen a'r bisgedi draenog a wnaethpwyd gan blant bach hapus Ysgol Sant Curig.



Cwrs Sadwrn Y Mabinogi

Cafodd cwrs Sadwrn anhygoel ei chynnal yng Nghanolfan Dysgu Gydol Oes Palmerston ar y 3ydd o Hydref.

Roed pedwar dosbarth llawn o ddysgwyr ar bob lefel, gyda themau'r Mabinogi yn plesio pawb. Stori Blodeuwedd a'r pedwerydd gaine daliodd ddychymyg y cwrs Uwch dan law y tiwtor Catrin Llwyd. Daeth pawb i wybod am hyn a helyntion y fferch a chafodd ei wneud o flodau a'r dynion oedd yn ei chanlyniad. Oes gwirionedd i'r storiâu hyn? Dyna oedd y cwestiwn ar flaenau eu tafodau. Mae'n ffaith fod tylluan yn aml yn hedfan uwchben llyn y Morwynion ger Flaenau Ffestiniog yn peri gofid.

Ai hi sydd dal yno hyd heddiw? Edrychwyd mewn i ddramau, ffilmiau a mapiau daearyddol o'r gaine drwy'r dydd! Mae cymaint i ddysgu o'r Mabinogion foeseol sy'n perthyn i ni hyd heddiw. Pwyl Pendefig Dyfed o'r gaine cyntaf oedd beth wnaeth lefelau Canolradd a Sylfaen eu hastudio, gyda nifer wedi siomi gyda arthau Rhiannon o chario ymwelwyr i'r llys. Bendigeidfran a'r ail gaine a edrychwyd arno gyda lefel Mynediad. Straeon arbennig wenaeth ddal dychymyg a difyrwch y dysgwyr oedd y Mabinogi. Fe wnaeth pawb fwynhau yn fawr a llawer wedi dysgu mwy am eu gwlad a'u llenyddiaeth wrth ddyddu'r iaith. Cofiwch bydd y cwrs Sadwrn nesaf ym Mhrifysgol Caerdydd ar y 7fed o Dachwedd. Ewch i <https://welshforadults.car diff.ac.uk/> am fwy o fanylion.

CYMRODORION Y BARRI

Nos Fawrth Tachwedd 17eg am 7.15 yn Ffestri Tabernacl. Noson yng nghwmni Gareth Thomas – awdur y nofel boblogaidd 'A Welsh Dawn'.

Cadeirydd: Eleri Hourahane. Croeso cynnes i bawb.

Mynd am Dro yn y Fro... i Fonmon

gyda Dai Lingual

Ceir tipyn o ddirlgelwch ynglŷn ag enw Fonmon yn ôl llyfrau hanes lleol Llyfrgell Penarth – sefydliad sydd erbyn hyn â grŵp cefnogol ei hun o'r enw 'Ffrindiau Llyfrgell Penarth' er mwyn ceisio diogelu dyfodol y llyfrgell yn ystod amser andod iawn i wasanaethau cyhoeddus, ac aelod newydd o Gynghrair Cymunedau Cymraeg felly!

Creda "arbenigwyr" lleol nad yw'r enw Fonmon o'r Gymraeg nac ychwaith o'r Saesneg, felly wrth i ni ystyried oblygiadau tim pêl droed rhyngwladol Cymru yn troeddi hi i Ffrainc i gystadlu "en Euro 2016" – a'r adwaith posib ar bresenoldeb yr athrawon a phlant ysgolion y Fro – ydy tarddiad Ffrengig yn bosibiliad hyd yn oed? Mais oui – wrth gwers – ceir tipyn o gysylltiad hanesyddol a theuluol rhwng Y Tir Gorau yng Nghymru mae'r Fro yn cynnig â theuluodd breintiedig Gogledd Ffrainc, yn wir mae'r golofn hon wedi sôn am hynny eisoes un peu [nid Hanner Pei ond tipyn bach yn hytrach!].

Er nad ydw i wedi clywed defnydd ar lafar, cynigir y ffenomen o fersiynau amgen o Fonmon hefyd: Ffwl-y-mwn neu Ffon-mon yn y Gymraeg mae'n debyg; tra bod y castell lleol yn parhau fel Fonmon, mais oui.

Heblaw islaw y 'Landsker Line' ym Mhenfro – Little England megis – am wn i Ynys Môn yw'r unig ardal arall yng Nghymru sy'n herio'r Fro am y teitl Y Tir Gorau yng Nghymru; a phe bawn ni yn deall yn iawn beth yw tarddiad Ynys Môn buaswn i efallai â mwy o weledigaeth o ran tarddiad Fonmon, ond yn ddacaryddol mae hynny'n bell iawn i ffrdd yn nhermaw Cymreig. Er mor braf buasai dod ag ychydig o Almaeneg i'r darn o ran honni taw w'n Môn ['o Fôn'] y daw Fonmon yn wreiddiol, ffractheineb yw hynny yn unig mae'n ddrwg gen i – pardon a a tut mir leid!

Creda Wikipedia taw o'r enw Lladin 'Mona' y daw Môn; yn wir mae Mona yn dal i fodoli yng

Nghymru fel enw ar fferch mais oui, ac ysbrydolodd yr enw hwn Michael Barrett o ochrau'r Elai i ganu am Mona Lisa yn ystod y cyfnod modern Shaky-aidd. O ddeall y berthynas rhwng Ffrainc a'r Fro, efallai bod tarddiad yr ardal yn ymwneud â mor braf yw'r Fro – C'est bon! Ansoddair sy'n treiglo yn y Gymraeg megis: i Fon[ym]mon mais oui!

Dychwelwn at ein llyfrgell lleol felly er mwyn rhoi'r gair olaf i'n harbenigwyr lleol o ddirif: does dim gormod o fynydd – neu Mont – i oroesi i wneud hynny ac yn wir nid ydyn nhw wedi tynnu Blanc Llwy...oes mynydd bychan o dan gastell Fonmon? Os yw'r 'fychan' yna hefyd wedi treiglo i Vaughan i Fôn gyda threigl amser, dyna fy nghynnig amgen i am darddiad Fonmon, mynydd fychan arall: c'est tout.

O Fôn i Fonmon ac o Benfro i'r Barri, mae tir gorau Cymru wedi denu nifer o ymwelwyr difyr dros y canrifoedd, felly dylen ni ddim synnu ambell waith mai nid tarddiad Cymraeg sydd ar bob enw Cymreig. A biento!

Am fwy o wybodaeth ynglŷn â sut i gefnogi eich llyfrgell lleol chi, a sut gall eich Cymraeg bod o fudd i'w hymgyrch, cysylltwch gyda david@cymunedau.org neu ffoniwch 02920 707 469.

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MARIE CURIE CHARITY WILL BENEFIT AS... Welsh manager faces question time in the Vale

WELSH football fans in the Vale have a unique opportunity to listen to coach Chris Coleman's views on Wales' prospects in the Euro 2016 next summer – and they'll be helping a great cause at the same time!

Penarth Conservatives Club is hosting 'An Evening with Chris Coleman' on Thursday, November 26 to raise money in support of the work of the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth.

The event will begin with a question and answer session conducted by former BBC Wales journalist and current FA Wales team media officer Ian Gwyn Hughes.

It will be followed by an auction in which fans will get the chance to bid for a number of items, including a Wales shirt signed by the whole squad and a football signed by Real Madrid and Wales' winger Gareth Bale.

by GEM
REPORTER



Fans can hear Chris Coleman's views on Wales in Euro 2016.

After the auction and a refreshments break, supporters will be given the chance to question Chris on aspects of his playing and managerial career.

It promises to be a fantastic evening for sports fans, coming hot on the heels of Wales' successful Euro 2016 qualifying campaign, which will see them head to France next summer for their first senior football tournament in

nearly 60 years.

The tournament runs from June 10 to July 10 next summer.

Sarah Hughes, community fundraiser for Marie Curie, said: "We are extremely grateful that Chris and the FAW are giving up their time to support the work of Marie Curie."

"This promises to be a fantastic evening where fans can celebrate Wales' recent qualification for Euro 2016 and look ahead to the tournament in France next summer."

"We only have a limited number of tickets available for this event and we are expecting them to sell out quickly, so I would encourage fans to book early to avoid disappointment."

Tickets for the event are priced at £20. All funds raised from the evening will support people living with a terminal illness, and their families, at the Cardiff & the Vale Hospice.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please call Sarah Hughes on 02920 426068 or e m a i l sarah.hughes@mariecurie.org.uk.

Walkers nip between the showers from a fairytale castle to tin factory

WITH the forecast of heavy rain and low visibility in the west, leader Barrie from Penarth and District Ramblers cancelled his planned trip to the Carmarthen Fans, in favour of a local route just north of Cardiff, and three walkers joined him to take up the challenge of a half-day walk between showers.

Beginning from Longwood Drive near the Coryton interchange and making their way to Tongwynlais, they climbed up to the fairytale Castell Coch, where the first of the two showers of the day engulfed them.

Then, entering woodland at Fforest-fawr and heading east into Coed-y-Wenallt, they paused for morning coffee before heading downhill and across the footbridge over the busy M4 into north Whitchurch.

Crossing the golf course to Coryton, they moved on towards the Taff Trail to visit Radyr Weir and the well preserved Mellingriffith Pump, a fitting memorial to the previous industrial history of the area.

The weir was built in 1774 in order to allow water to travel along a man-made artificial feeder to provide power for the Mellingriffith Tinplate Works – which was built on the site of an old corn mill that had been in operation since the 12th century.

It was the largest tin factory in Britain until the Treforest Tin Works was built, and the water course that fed the tin mills doubled up as a canal to carry raw iron ore from the Pentyrch Ironworks until around

1815, when the Pentyrch tramroad was completed.

The tin works, which became the largest employer of local workers for 200 years, closed in 1957, and nowadays most of the area has been built on.

At Radyr Weir, work is being carried out to install two Archimedes turbines that will channel water from the River Taff, which will be used to generate energy that can be fed into the National Grid, and work is expected to finish in March 2016.

Following the banks of the River Taff along the Taff Trail, the dry weather was interrupted by the second heavy downpour as they made their way back to the start.

On November 7, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a six-mile moderate walk around Penhow; contact Jan/John on 01446 418514.

On November 8, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 10-mile hard walk over Allt Lwyd to see the wreaths that were laid at Carn Pica and Wauwryd on Armistice Sunday; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, contact the walk leader for advice.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY
STRANGWARD

Dog owners' shame at Gileston beach

INSTEAD of enjoying the views of the Bristol Channel and Gileston beach, walkers have for too long been subjected to doing the military two-step, dodging mess left by dogs along this sea wall pathway.

This blatant disrespect for the public by a handful of dog owners who let their pets foul this pathway has been an 'issue' for many years but nothing seems to change.

If these inconsiderate

owners, who need training themselves in how to behave, faced a £150 per offence then I witnessed potential fines running into the thousands of pounds last week.

There is no excuse these days for the public to be the victims of this sort of behaviour, which I'm sure would be solved if a 'blue bag' container was present on the beach car park.

The sad fact is that people who have no respect for themselves invariably have no respect for other people too.

JJ Hastings,
Llantwit Major.

Successful 'Summer of Play' is worth shouting about..!

AT a time where spending cuts and austerity measures seem to dominate headlines and council bosses agonise over the delivery of frontline services, on decreasing budgets, positive news can seem to be thin on the ground.

Rob Thomas, managing director of the Vale Council, told The GEM he was keen to share some encouraging news that deserved to be highlighted.

He explained: "When the Summer of Play report landed on my desk this week, capturing hundreds of events involving thousands of children across the Vale over the summer holidays I thought myself, 'this is a story that needs to be told.'"

"Like most authorities across Wales, and the UK for that matter, the Vale Council has had to make some difficult decisions and look again at the way it delivers public services."

"When budget meetings and discussions are the order of the day, it's easy to lose sight of all the good things that we continue to deliver which impact positively on people's lives."

"We all look forward to a break during the summer and some time to spend with our families. But unless you work for a very generous boss, there's inevitably a bit of juggling to be done in terms of child care and finding activities for the children over school holidays which stretch for six weeks."

"With this in mind, the Vale Council, with the support of our partners - Dinas Powys Community Council, Wick Community Council, Barry Town Council, Penarth Town Council, Llantwit Major Town

Council, United Welsh Housing, Communities First and Section 106 Funding – set about organising a marathon of activities that would appeal to and cater for children across the Vale. The results speak for themselves.

"Over 1,895 children between the ages of four and 11 took part in over 32 play scheme sessions in five different venues across the Vale Council."

"Our play development team linked 42 children with a disability to 413 play schemes tailored to meet their needs. This was made possible by Family First Funding and included one to one support, buddy support, provision of specialist equipment, transport and a nurse on site for young children with complex medical needs."

"Our seven family fun days attracted over 2,000 people and our sport coaches delivered play scheme sessions and football coaching at local parks."

"I could wax lyrical about many other activities of which there are unfortunately far too much to mention here."

"No one could have envisaged such a fantastic response to this initiative but its success was down to team work, the enthusiasm of all those involved, dedication and hard work."

"Another example of this was the Murchfield play scheme where United Welsh Housing worked in with our Play Development Team to create a 'walking bus', which allowed 15 children to safely access the Murchfield scheme."

"I hope that GEM readers will join me in celebrating some good news and an initiative worth shouting about."

EVAN LANDS 101-1 LUDLOW DOUBLE!

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams, who is the leading trainer at Ludlow, kept his followers happy when landing a 101-1 double on the Welsh borders racecourse on Monday.

Evan, who brought his total number of wins at the course to 49, won the last two races with Zama Zama (5-1) and Mac Gregory (16-1) and he nearly pulled off a three-timer as his only other runner, BattleCat, who carried a hefty-top weight of 11st.12lb, was beaten just half-a-length by Upbeat Cobbler, who had a stone less to carry.

Evan's double was instigated when Zama Zama, an eight-year-old bay gelding owned by Irishman Tony Cromwell, won the two-and-a-half miles handicap chase by half-a-length from the favourite Mr Mafia.

Around 40 minutes or so later, Evan's four-year-old-bay gelding Mac Gregory, owned and bred by Sue Lowry, took the National Hunt Flat race by one-and-a-quarter lengths from Cashanova who, like Mac Gregory, was racing for the first time in public.

Bridgend's Rhys Flint riding Alexandra Dunn's Helium, took the two miles novices' chase when coming

home four lengths ahead of the Tom George-trained Noche Reyes. Flint had won the Fred Rimell Memorial

Handicap Chase at Worcester on the 10-year-old a fortnight earlier.

BRIAN
LEE

PENLLYN BRIDGE latest results

THURSDAY, October 1 (20 pairs) - 1st Wayne Stephens & Mary Wallis 62.88%, 2nd Davids & Marion Stephenson 60.61%, 3rd Phil & Lou Edwards 54.04%.

Thursday, October 8 (19 pairs) - 1st Allan Evans & Keith Price 73.44%, 2nd Cath Domanic & John Hunter 60.51%, 3rd Colin Easterbrook & Mandy Meier 57.5%.

Thursday, October 15 (16 pairs) - 1st Keith Price & Allan Evans 63.64%, 2nd Rita

Williams & Gill Harding 61.36%, 3rd Wayne Stephens & Mary Wallis 57.47%.

Thursday, October 22 (19 pairs) - 1st Barbara Easterbrook & Myrtle Hansard 60.63%, 2nd Cath Domanic & John Hunter 58.44%, 3rd Rita Williams & Gill Harding 57.19%.

Thursday, October 29 (19 pairs, Robert Brown Competition) - 1st Judith & Colin Nunn 63.07%, 2nd Cath Domanic & John Hunter 59.69%, 3rd Helen & Mike Ruttle 55.63%.

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Mali Morgan's medal delight!

MALI Morgan won the under-10s, level 45 age group, Welsh Gymnastics championships; she also won on the beam and vault.

She will now represent Wales with three other girls in her age group at the upcoming British Nationals held in Bracknell on the weekend November 14/15.

Her brothers Sammi Morgan (11) and Hari Morgan (14) will be competing at the boys' British nationals held in Birmingham on the same weekend. BM

What's On / in brief

Organ recital

AFTER last year's memorable performance, St Augustine's Church, Penarth welcomes back organists Robert Court and Jeffrey Howard, who will perform 'Four Hands Four Feet' on Sunday, November 15 at 7.30pm.

Entrance is on the door, £7 (full), £5 (Friends of St Augustine's), children free.

The event is organised by the Friends of St Augustine's. Proceeds go towards the maintenance of St Augustine's, Penarth's only Grade I listed building.

Yacht Club festive fair

BARRY Yacht Club Christmas fair takes place on Saturday, November

21 between 2pm and 4pm. Gifts, crafts, paintings and chocolates and refreshments. All welcome near Redbrink Crescent, Barry.

Remembrance at Boys' Village

ON Wednesday, November 11 at 10.30am there will be a short service at St Athan Boys' Village to commemorate the boys who went on to lose their lives in World War One and World War Two.

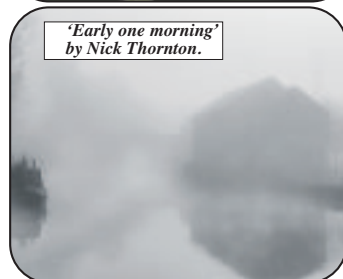
The memorial monument in the Boys' Village was originally built in 1930.

For more information on the service call Jack Hardman on 01446 418127.

Vale Photo Club's first competition of season



'At the Top'
by Mark
Lunn.



'Early one morning'
by Nick Thornton.

OCTOBER'S programme at the Vale Photographic Club started with our first competition and we were delighted with both the quality and quantity of entries.

This event was quickly followed by our first external competition; a friendly battle between 12 mostly local photographic clubs. Images representing the club are selected from as many members as possible and we aim to use each entry just once.

Happily, this approach worked well for us on this occasion as we came second, missing joint first by just one point. We are now looking forward to two more external competitions in early November.

At our second meeting of the month, members demonstrated a variety of gadgets they owned. These included devices for calibrating lenses, removing stuck filters, triggering remote cameras, lighting macro photographs, transmitting images captured on any digital camera by Wi-Fi to laptops, mobiles and other similar media, a detachable dashboard holster for cameras, to continuously record car journeys and a three-footed monopod, with surprisingly effective stabilising features.

Next, Ed Cloutman

presented us with some stunning images of far flung galaxies and explained how he built and equipped an observatory in his garden.

After coffee, Ed transported us to Bermuda where, as guest of the curator of the island's national museum, he assessed the work needed to restore unique clocks located in historic towers around the island.

For many photographers, the production of prints is challenging and we were very pleased when Perma Jet accepted our invitation to come and talk to us about ways of improving our printing techniques. We were given easy-to-follow advice, as well as good discounts on their complete range of products.

For further information about the club, which is open to ages 16 and over (16-18 year olds must be accompanied by an adult), visit our website at <http://www.vale-photographic-club.co.uk>, or simply turn up to a club evening. We meet every Friday from September to July at 7.15pm in Ystradowen village hall.

Whether you're looking to develop your skills as a serious photographer, just starting out with a new camera, or simply looking to take better photographs of the kids, you'll be most welcome.

NICK THORNTON



ABOVE: Back, from left: head girl Alex Warren, head boy Josh Lewis, and head of careers Rob Deighton-Jones. Front - Stanwell students Katherine Bills and Martin Doyle.

Careers Wales Mark is awarded to Vale schools

SECONDARY schools in the Vale are the first in Wales to all have been awarded the prestigious Careers Wales Mark.

The mark recognises dedication and enthusiasm in preparing young people for the world of work or higher education.

The Vale secondary schools: Barry Comprehensive School, Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School, Cowbridge

Comprehensive School, St Cyres Comprehensive School, Llantwit Major School, St Richard Gwyn Roman Catholic High School, Stanwell School and Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg have all been re-accredited this year.

Richard Spear, chief executive of Careers Wales, said: "This is an excellent achievement and a clear demonstration that young people in schools across the Vale are receiving the support they need to help them find out about and prepare for the world of

work, as well as helping them to make realistic informed decisions about their future."

Speaking at the presentation of the Careers Wales Mark to Stanwell School, head of careers, Rob Deighton-Jones said: "It's an honour to have been awarded the Careers Mark. The process has given us the opportunity to reflect on the careers curriculum provided here in Stanwell School, and has enabled us to be more efficient and effective in helping our students."

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'Remembrance Sunday is so important...'

REMEMBRANCE Sunday is such an important event in Barry and the Vale. In my own mind, as each year passes, the importance of the day grows.

It is one day when the nation can come together to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to protect and secure our freedom. The services across the Vale are stirring moments of reflection.

I have had the privilege of attending several events in Barry and the Vale. On Sunday, I will join the Remembrance Day Parade in Barry. I will stand together with current and ex-service men and women, and representatives from the Merchant Navy, Sea and Air

Cadet Corps alongside the Scouts and Guides.

It is an occasion where people come together to pay their respects, to give thanks and remember those who fell and suffered for our freedom.

This year, we have seen a number of new ways of remembering the fallen.

Many readers of The GEM will have noticed the large poppies on almost every lamp post from one side of town to the other in Cowbridge. Each poppy features the name of fallen servicemen with a connection to Cowbridge and Llanblethian.

Judging by the reaction from local residents I have spoken to, it has really captured the imagination and it is a very creative way of ensuring those lost are appropriately remembered.

It is a fitting reminder to us all, and the creativity and undoubted efforts in bringing the plan together in Cowbridge should be recognised.

David Howell, the local Poppy Appeal organiser, deserves a huge amount of credit for his efforts. It is a wonderful tribute.

The new campaign in Cowbridge serves to remind me of the efforts made by volunteers and all those associated with the Royal British Legion in ensuring that the memories of those brave soldiers fighting for our liberty are never forgotten.

The volunteers do an incredible job all year round in raising funds and awareness, and I will always support the efforts of an organisation that is solely reliant on the public for funding. In Barry, the efforts by



Vale MP ALUN CAIRNS reports to GEM readers

Legion Riders for the launch of the 2015 Poppy Appeal. As volunteers, they visit many areas of South Wales to raise awareness of the aims of the Royal British Legion.

Teresa and Roy Goodwin and the group of volunteers went to great lengths to co-ordinate such an eye-catching day and many shoppers stopped to chat and gave generously.

The motorbikes serve the purpose of attracting the attention of many youngsters, as well as bike lovers, who are intrigued at the connection.

The challenge of ensuring future generations remember the fallen was further strengthened in Barry recently.

The popular 11th Barry Sea Scout group became the first group in Wales to become affiliated with the Royal British

Legion.

I had the privilege of attending the event to mark the affiliation at St Mary's Church with so many enthusiastic Scouts and volunteers.

I believe that this symbolic link-up should be a model for other Scout and Guide groups across the country.

It could play a central role in guaranteeing that young children have the opportunity to pay their respects to the fallen.

We are very fortunate to have so many dedicated volunteers in the Vale; without them, the memories of conflict could be forgotten.

We must never forget the sacrifice that our forefathers and families made in battle.

We will remember them.

Classical pianist set to perform at a Vale school

LEANNE CODY takes to the stage on Friday, November 13 at 6.30pm at Stanwell School, Penarth after nine long years performing away from Wales.

The concert will be fundraising for Music in the Vale, which provides performance and competition opportunities for young musicians in the local area.

Leanne is originally from Barry and is now a classical concert pianist, as well as being staff accompanist at both Leeds College of Music and the Royal Northern College of Music, where she studied for six years, graduating with the prestigious RNCM Gold Medal Award in 2014.

Having started to play the piano at the age of six, she went on to attend the Royal Welsh College of Music junior department before accepting a place

at Chetham's School of Music in 2006.

She returned to Wales in 2007 to win Senior Instrumentalist in the Music in the Vale Competition.

Over the past year she has given regular solo recitals in Manchester and London, including Wigmore Hall, Purcell Rooms, St Martin-in-the-Fields and Bridgewater Hall.

She has been selected as a Park Lane Young Artist 2013-2014.

Leanne has had the opportunity to perform with the Hallé as an orchestral pianist, conducted by Sir Mark Elder for a Radio 3 recording.

The programme will include Liszt, Ravel and Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*. Tickets are £4 (£3 for concessions) and are available on the door or from 01446 418606.

LADIES' OUTING GOES WITHOUT A HICCUP!

THE October meeting of Vale NFU included an autumn trip to Penderyn Distillery Centre, the award-winning home for malt Welsh whisky and other high quality spirits.

Arriving early in the afternoon, the day seemed to get better by the minute after

sampling whisky, beautiful liqueurs or other spirits! There was an excellent tour around the distillery and all the ladies were in good cheer when arriving at the Ty Newydd Country Hotel for afternoon tea.

The hotel lies on the edge of the Beacons National Park, so with the sun making the autumn leaves look spectacular, the day was perfect. Member Liz Jervis thanked the committee for organising a very special day.

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WOMEN WAR ARTISTS SUBJECT OF TALK

ON Thursday, November 5, Cowbridge Art Society welcomes Rosemary Chanoller who will give an illustrated presentation on 'Women War Artists - from World War One to the Falklands conflict'.

Thursday, November 12 is the opening of the society's Christmas exhibition at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, which will continue until December 3 (usual opening times).

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge, 7pm-9pm; visitors and new members are welcome.

For details of the society's activities see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com.

'Where have all the carers gone?'

NOT the start of a song, but a cry from the heart from many elderly and disabled people who seek to employ their own care staff to enable them to continue caring for and living in their own homes.

They need the comfort of seeing a familiar face either daily or weekly and caring for others can be a rewarding occupation.

While we appreciate the umbrella of care agencies in the area which may be fine for emergencies and short term care, long-term care needs a different approach.

How do we attract those 'angels' out there?

The local authorities encourage elderly and disabled people to continue to live in their communities for as long as possible and provide funding accordingly.

Surely there must be someone out there who has time to spare and would find great satisfaction in helping another person continue to live an independent life?

Hazel J Dickson MBE, Penarth.

Funds collected for ash dump fight

FOLLOWING another meeting of the Docks Incinerator/Ash Action Group (DIAG) on Monday, October 26, members agreed to set up a bank account to collect Legal Aid funds to help with their legal challenge to the dumping of Cardiff's incinerator ash on Barry's docks.

Over £100 was donated by members at the meeting and the account will soon be open for the public to deposit donations to the campaign. The monthly Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth meeting, which will be at 730pm on Tuesday, November 3 in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry, will have the ash dump at the top of the agenda.

The action group are grateful for continued support from the Plaid Cymru group of councillors and will be meeting with Alun Cairns MP on Wednesday, November 11. Alun Cairns opposes the ash dump and has urged the public to get involved with DIAG to protect our environment and the air we breathe.

Keith Stockdale, (Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth coordinator).

PACT in the Vale

WENVOE - Coffee morning/surgery at Wenvoe Community Centre, Old Port Road, Wenvoe on Monday, November 9 at 10am.

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Desert trek for Cancer Research Wales charity

VALE-BASED weather presenter Ruth Wignall and celebrity fashion designer Julien Macdonald, have both signed up for the Cancer Research Wales Sahara Golden Trek – an epic nine-day fundraising challenge across the Sahara Desert, to mark the charity's 50th anniversary on March 12, 2016.

Merthyr-Tydfil born star Julien and Cowbridge presenter Ruth will be joining fundraisers from across Wales to trek 84km in 40 degree heat by day and camping out under the stars by night, when the temperature often drops below freezing.

Last year's challenge saw trekkers of all ages from across Wales raise more than £30,000 for



Ruth Wignall



Julien Macdonald

Cancer Research Wales, which the charity hopes to exceed this year as part of its 50th anniversary celebrations.

Cancer Research Wales is Wales' only independent cancer research charity, funding pioneering, world-class local research in Cardiff. Every donation made goes directly to teams of leading scientist to fund their lifesaving work.

Ruth Wignall explained: "I think it is

fair to say I have so many reasons for signing up to this trek. Five years ago, my Dad was diagnosed with cancer – a healthy 60 year old, it came out of the blue. We weren't expecting it. But he is here today, alive and relatively well, because cancer is no longer the death sentence it once was. And that is because there are people like those at Cancer Research Wales.

"I've not done anything like this before, and this makes it all the more special. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity, and I intend to enjoy each and every moment of the journey."

Anyone wishing to join Ruth and Julien and support Cancer Research Wales in their golden anniversary year, can sign up for the Sahara Trek by visiting www.cancerresearchwales.co.uk/sahara or call 029 2031 6976.

A NEW report by RSPCA Cymru highlights a number of key welfare issues surrounding wild animals.

The term 'wild animal' means different things to different people, but the RSPCA class 'wild animals' as all those that are not normally domesticated. The list ranges from badgers to nesting birds, and includes pet snakes and elephants in captivity.

Polling from RSPCA Cymru, as part of a new report, reveal that the majority of people in Wales support an outright ban of snares, a ban on keeping primates as pets and a ban on wild animals performing in circuses in Wales.

Some of the top line insights of the report were:

Polling from RSPCA Cymru found that 74 percent of the public support a ban on wild animals performing in circuses in Wales after hearing

that other European countries have banned animal performances in circuses.

RSPCA Cymru found that 72 percent of those polled in Wales support a ban on the keeping of all primates as pets and recommends that the keeping of primates as pets is banned.

RSPCA Cymru recommends that there is a need for more funding to investigate the trade in exotic pets in Wales.

The RSPCA recommends that sanctuaries (known as animal welfare establishments, 'shelters', 'rehoming centres' or 'wildlife clinics/hospitals') – which are not regulated – need a system of registration or licensing by the local authority.

More than 1,000 campaign actions have been taken by RSPCA supporters in efforts to get local authorities to ban sky lanterns – which pose a danger to wildlife, farm animals and pets. So far 14 out of the 22 local authorities have

implemented a ban on their land.

RSPCA Cymru recommends that only an outright ban on the use of snares in Wales meets the expectations of the public to ensure high animal welfare standards are reflected in our laws.

RSPCA Cymru found that 72 percent support a ban on all snares for all animals in Wales.

Assistant director external relations – Wales, Claire Lawson, said: "Our polling clearly shows that the majority of the Welsh public support change when it comes to improving wild animal welfare."

"Wild Animal Welfare Indicators intends not only to benchmark and demonstrate 'where we are' with wild animal welfare in Wales; but aims to be thought-provoking, encourage change and make recommendations as to how improvements can be made."

RSPCA place the spotlight on wild animals' welfare

'Welfare reforms will create fairer system' says MP

WALES Office Minister Alun Cairns, MP for the Vale of Glamorgan, on a visit to Bridgend Jobcentre on Monday, said: "Government welfare reforms are designed to create a fairer system where people are always better off in work than on benefits."

"For far too long, welfare dependency blighted many communities in Wales. But that is changing. I am delighted that Universal Credit is now being rolled out in more locations across Wales so that even more people can be supported to escape welfare dependency and benefit from the security of a regular wage," he added.

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'Winter flu jab is a must'

WITH winter almost upon us, I'd like to remind your readers about the importance of having a winter flu jab.

Older people over 65 and people with health conditions such as diabetes; respiratory problems; heart or kidney disease, are automatically eligible to have the flu vaccination for free.

The winter jab is the best protection we have against flu and it is important for people with existing conditions, as they could find their illness is complicated (or made worse) if they catch the winter virus.

I would also recommend that anyone who cares for an older or disabled person should have the vaccination, to make sure that the people they are looking after are protected as well.

Please speak to your GP or practice nurse at the earliest opportunity to make an appointment for your winter flu vaccination, which is available for free on the NHS for people who qualify.
ANGHARAD PHILLIPS,
Health Initiatives Officer and Spread the Warmth Co-ordinator, Age Cymru.

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that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a minority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole."

Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgend, BCT and Porthcawl areas and Phil is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've

done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated."

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£7,000 BOOST FOR TY HAFAN HOSPICE FROM VALE RESORT



Rich Williams, Wendy Collie and Dan Lansdown at the Vale Resort.

STAFF at the Vale Resort in Hensol are celebrating raising more than £7,000 for a Welsh children's charity by hosting a number of sport-themed fundraising activities.

The resort raised a total of £7,127 for Tŷ Hafan, one of its nominated charities of the year, by hosting a golf day and donating proceeds raised at official WRU corporate rugby hospitality events.

Donations from guests at the resort's Six Nations hospitality events kicked-started fundraising activities for Tŷ Hafan earlier this year. Further funds were raised when 64 golfers took to the Wales National

course, accompanied by a team of four fathers from families that had been supported by Tŷ Hafan, to bolster the final total raised for the charity.

Dan Lansdown, golf sales executive at the Vale Resort, said: "We've previously supported Tŷ Hafan and the fantastic work it does for life-limited children and their families across Wales, and so choosing it as one of our charities of the year was an easy decision for us."

"During our charity golf day, we were privileged to hear from two dads of the children who are being supported by Tŷ Hafan. Listening first-hand to the stories that each of the families had been through was very moving and put into perspective

the importance of the work that Tŷ Hafan does, and the positive impact it has on people's lives during very difficult times."

Wendy Collie, business and community fundraiser at Tŷ Hafan, said: "The Vale Resort has been a longstanding supporter of Tŷ Hafan and we're thrilled to receive such a generous donation from them again this year."

"In order to provide our specialist one-to-one care and outreach services, we need to raise more than £3.7 million every year. Without the support of our fundraising partners, like the Vale Resort, we would never reach this ambitious but vital target. We're extremely grateful for their continued support."

JJ, and his story – in a town near you!

WELSH rugby legend JJ Williams will be venturing on a book signing tour across south Wales this month and in December.

The autobiography is co-written by award-winning journalist and broadcaster Peter Jackson, who has lived in Wales since 1964, and whose previous books include *Triumph and Tragedy*, *Bread of Heaven*, *Lions of Wales* and *The Iron Duke*.

Now fans have the opportunity to meet the man himself – and grab an early Christmas present.

The dates are as

follows: Saturday, November 7: 11am at Waterstones, Swansea; 2pm at WH Smith, Bridgend.

Saturday, November 14: 10.30am at Victoria Bookshop, Haverfordwest; and 2pm at Waterstones, Carmarthen.

Saturday, November 21: 10.30am at WH Smith, Cardiff.

Saturday, November 28: 11am at WH Smith, Llanelli.

Saturday, December 5: 11am to 12pm at Chepstow Bookshop, Chepstow.

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DO you have Parkinson's disease? Are you a relative or carer looking after someone who has this condition, and looking for support in your area?

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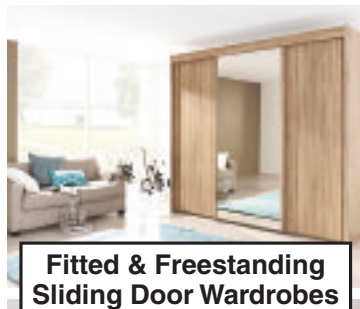
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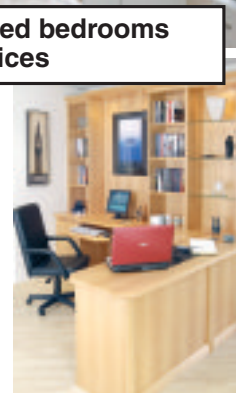
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Air Cadets wing down to HMS Bristol!

EIGHTEEN Royal Air Force Air Cadets and three staff from No3 Welsh Wing of the Air Training Corps have returned from a week's camp at the Royal Navy base on Whale Island, Portsmouth.

It was totally different from visiting an RAF station, as they were all accommodated on board HMS Bristol, a Type 82 destroyer (flagship of the Falklands task force).

It meant that triple deck bunks and limited space, together with numerous ladders, were a real challenge!

The varied, interesting and very tiring camp programme covered numerous visits and activities designed to give the Cadets a different view of the Navy, Army and RAF during the action packed week.

Cadets and staff alike enjoyed visits to action stations with all its simulators, HMS Victory (flagship of the Royal Navy), as well as a harbour boat tour. They also attended the Royal Naval air station at Yeovilton, and the tank museum at Bovington and had the opportunity to view a fire and movement display of armoured vehicles that, for many, was one of the highlights of the week.



Cadets on board HMS Bristol.

Cadets also visited Southwick Park, home to the defence training school for service police and saw the famous map room, where the decision to 'GO' for the D-Day landings was made in 1944 by General Eisenhower.

Camp Commandant Flt Sgt (ATC) Gould said: "This has been an excellent week's camp, with a multitude of interesting and valuable activities for our Cadets. I am sure they will all have many exciting experiences to remember."

The Cadets and staff would like to thank the following as without their support this opportunity would not be possible: Wicks Van Hire, The RAFA Club, Porthcawl; Services Club, Porthcawl; Royal



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LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

History Society

THE next meeting of Dinas Powys Local History Society will be held on Tuesday, November 10 at 7.30pm in Kynance Hall and there will be a talk on 'Lever Brothers' by Mrs Pamela Robson.

A fee of £1.50 for members and £3 for non members will be charged. All welcome; contact 02920 513524 for further information.

Diabetes event

THE Vale of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group meets on Tuesday, November 17 in the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth at 7.30pm-9pm.

The speaker will be Dr L George, Consultant Physician in General Medicine, Diabetes and Endocrinology, and will host a diabetes question and answers session; all welcome.



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Both directors have undertaken Ableworld's extensive and rigorous training programme so that they can assess customers correctly and provide the right solutions for the variety of customers' needs they will face.

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The spokesman added: "From spacious premises, Ableworld offers customers a wide selection of quality mobility and homecare

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Lorraine said: "I have set up a foot clinic at the request of my clientele, who have had difficulty in finding someone qualified to attend to their feet."

Lorraine qualified this year as a Foot Health Practitioner – S.A.C. Dip Advanced, SAC Dip Theory Distinction, VTCT.

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Family fun as Peppa Pig, brother George & Co make a big splash!

SINCE 2004, young and old alike have delighted in the antics of the precocious Peppa Pig, her little brother George and all their animal friends.

When kids' TV is this well-loved, it can be problematic to transfer characters successfully from screen to stage, yet the cast at the New Theatre in Cardiff excelled themselves with their latest adventure, Peppa Pig's Surprise!

It was not the first time that the brightly animated Peppa, George, Mummy and Daddy Pig have been officially presented to the limelight, and it follows an earlier adventure, Peppa Pig's Big Splash. Without having seen its predecessor, the show seemed very well-constructed as far as this reviewer is concerned.

All-singing, all-dancing (the 'all' including audience members, who – judging by the noise that was made – certainly had as much fun as we did), the show was heavily interactive in many ways, including front row seats getting rather wet!

Our two young children (who were the most important critics present, of course) enjoyed the show immensely as Peppa and George's bath time, bedtime and family time in the little red car were all magically brought to life in colours true to the animated TV series with well-matched character voices also.

Mummy and Daddy Pig were "the right size" according to my six-year-old, and the presence of a few black-clad puppeteers behind smaller characters did nothing to spoil the illusion for my toddler.

The family unanimously agreed that the best part of the show was also the calmest – a beautiful glow-in-the-dark peek into an enchanting rock pool, complete with musical accompaniment, that had everyone in our section of the theatre totally spellbound.

We'd definitely jump in several muddy puddles to come again, with or without our boots on!

SARAH FISHER

Welsh medium storytime

AMSER STORI sessions that are being held free of charge in Barry and Llantwit Major, are suitable for children up to four years old.

Amser Stori is a great way to increase children's awareness of language, pre-reading skills and vocabulary from a very early age, through popular Welsh nursery rhymes, and songsheets are distributed to also encourage parents to take part in the sessions as much as possible.

The response to these new Amser Stori sessions has been great, with over 50 families now attending and enjoying this lively session of story and song on a weekly basis.

"I wasn't sure if this Storytime would be suitable for my child as she is only nine months old, but since going to the first session in September we haven't missed a single week. My daughter enjoys it so much – Ceri is entertaining and makes every character come to life.

"As there is a new Welsh-medium school in Llantwit Major I feel that a group like this is invaluable to the area. Thanks to Amser Stori my daughter is making friends with children who will attend the same school as her in a few years.

"I haven't spoken a lot of Welsh since leaving school, so it's also a great help for me to make sure I don't lose the language – it's so important for me to practise too before sending my daughter to Ysgol Dewi Sant." (Nia, Lola's mum)

"Since having my daughter, it's great to be able to attend baby sessions through the medium of Welsh. The sessions are very popular within the community

and there are many new families joining – some are non-Welsh speaking but are planning to send their children to the local Welsh primary school. I have two other daughters who are 10 years older, and at that time there weren't any Welsh sessions for us to attend, as is available now. This is thanks to Menter Bro Morgannwg." (Rhianon Morgan)

The sessions are held weekly during the school term, at Barry Library every Tuesday 10.30am-11am, and at Llantwit Library every Thursday 10.30am-11am. There is no need to book ahead – just turn up and have fun!

For more information, contact Ceri at cferi@menterbromorgan.nwg.cymru, 029 20689888.

Sesiynau amser stori newydd

MAE'R sesiynau yn rhad ac am ddim, ac yn addas i blant 0 i pedwar mlynedd oed.

Mae Amser Stori yn ffordd gwych o godi mwybyddiaeth a sgiliau ieithyddol plant o oedran ifanc iawn, trwy hwangerddi a chaneuon poblogaidd Cymraeg, ac mae taffenni yn cael eu dosbarthu i'r rhieni i'w hannog i gymryd rhan yn y sesiynau hefyd.

Mae'r ymateb i'r sesiynau Amser Stori newydd yma wedi bod yn wych, ac erbyn hyn mae dros 50 o deuluoedd yn mynychu a'n mwynhau'r sesiynau hwyliog o stori a chan yn wythnosol.

"O'n i ddim yn siŵr os bydd Amser Stori yn rhy hen i'r baban achos dim ond naw mis yw hi, ond ers mynd i'r sesiwn gyntaf yn mis Medi da ni heb golli un wythnos. Mae fy merch fach wrth ei bodd ac mae Ceri mor ddifyrus ac yn gwneud pob cymeriad i ddod yn fwy."

FFION RHISIART



THE HUNTSMAN

Adolygiad gan Lowri Haf Cooke



SÊR MIS TACHWEDD

gan EIRY PALFREY

Blwyddyn yn ôl, symudodd fy ffrind gorau yn ôl i Gymru, gan ymgarfrefu yn Ninas Powys. Rhaid cyfaddef na fues i yno erioed o'r blaen, cyn iddi symud i fyw i'r pentref gyda'i theulu.

Erbyn hyn, mi fedra i ddweud fod un o gaffis gorau'r fro i'w ganfod dros riniog The Plug. Ond mae rhagor o gyfrinachau i'w canfod yn y pentref, gan gynnwys bwyty bach dymunol dros ben.

I gogwydd dan hyfforddiant am flynyddoedd maith, y delfryd yw sefydlu bwyty anibynnol ei hun. Llwyddodd Hilary Rice i wireddu ei breuddwyd hi, sy'n dal i'w chynnal ers 1993.

Wedi cyfnod fel cogyddes yng Ngwesty Casblaidd, symudodd Hilary - a'i gŵr Pete - i Fro Morgannwg. Er yn wreiddiol o Sale, ymgarfrefodd yn Sili, gan brynu bwyty The Huntsman yn Ninas Powys. "Dros ugain mlynedd yn ddiweddarach, mae'n dal i llynnu at ei gwledigaeth wreiddiol, o gynnig bwydion o glasurol gwledig."

Es i yno yn ddiweddar ar ddiwrnod hyfryd o hydref i brofi'r fwydlen Cinnio Sul. Mae'r bwyty ynghudd, oddi ar y brif ffordd, sy'n egluro i boblogrwydd â chwsmeriaid lleol. Mae'r adeilad yn adleisio bwyta 'auberge' yng nghefn gwlad Ffrainc, ac mae'r decor yn gynnwys a chartrefol.

Pete - o'r Eglwydd Newydd - yw meistr y tŷ, ac efe sydd yn eich cyfarfod a'ch tywys i'ch bwrdd. Fe gyflwynodd blatiau bach o fisedi parmesan i ni gael sawr gyda glasiad o win. Fe archebais i salad eog wedi'i ffigu'n boeth a gafodd ei weini a â lemnw, dil a crème fraîche. Saig gyntaf ysgafn, amheutun a blasus dros ben oedd yn syml, ond hynod effeithiol.

Tanlinellwyd gallu'r chef â phrif gwrs yr hwyaden â saws Cumberland, llawn blasau ffrwythau'r hydref. Roedd y cig - o stondin Gary Anthony, ym marchnad Caerdydd - o ansawdd gwyb, a cafodd ei weini'n binc, oedd at fy nant i. Ynghyd â moron a thatws rhost, cyflwynwyd stwnsh mwstard a meipen, wnaeth weddu'n berffaith i'r pryd.

Trwy ryw ryfedd wyrth, do'n i ddim yn rhy llawn i brofi pŵd adnabyddus y bwyty. Bu canmol ers blynyddoedd i fondue siocled The Huntsman, felly fe'i archebais ar y ffôn o flaen llaw! Ystyriwch fi'n orffwyll, os hoffech chi, ond does dim byd gwaeth gen i na chael fy siomi - ac roedd y saig yn sicr werth ei sawr.

Welais i erioed fondue siocled ar fwydlen yng Nghymru o'r blaen, ac roedd hwn yn brofiad arbennig. Fe'i gyflwynwyd ar ffurf platiad o felysion amrywiol, gan gynnwys marshmallows, mefus, bananas a bisgedi amaretti. Teimlais fel brehines wrth estyn ffordd i'r siocled cynnes o wlad Belg - fel Cleopatra yn derbyn grawnwin gan forwyn! Byddai'r fath bŵd bendigedig yn codi'r galon dros fisoedd y gaeaf, ar achlysur fel ddt Santes Dwywen neu ddathliad pen-blwydd.

Toc cyn gadael, ces i sgwrs ddymunol â Hilary a Pete, i'w longyfarch ar lwyddiant eu bwyty. Mae Hilary yn grediniol mai'r bwyd syml a thraddodiadol sy'n denu'r cwsmeriaid dro ar ôl tro. Gwibiodd ffasiynau heibio dros y blynyddoedd a fu, o nouvelle cuisine i ffenomenon y gastropub. Ond does dim byd gwell na bwyd cartre go-iawn - heb fynd i'r drafferth o'i baratoi eich hun!

The Huntsman Restaurant, Heol yr Orsaf, Dinas Powys, Bro Morgannwg CF64 4DE

ARIES:

Mae teithio ar y cardiau i chi Aries, pam na ewch chi am wyliau gaeaf? Ewch a mwynhewch. Neu falle y bydd rhywrai'n teithio o bellafoedd daer i ymweld a chi.

TAURUS:

Ddylech chi ddim cael problemau ariannol y mis hwn, felly mwynhewch eich cyfoeth, ond mae dyddiau llwm i ddod, felly rhowch gildwrn yn y cadw-mi-gei ar gyfer diwrnod glawig.

GEMINI:

Mae na fil eitha sylweddol ar ei ffordd i chi, gobeithio fod gyda chi ddiagon ar ei gyfer! Mae hon yn gyfnod ardderchog i wneud gwaith ar y tŷ, peintio, papuro, adeiladu - mwynhewch!

CANCER:

Rych chi fel rheol yn ofalus iawn ynglŷn â gwneud newidiadau sylfaenol i'ch bywyd, ond mae'r sêr o'ch ochor chi ar hyn o bryd, ac yn barod i'ch helpu i wneud newidiadau cyffrous iawn.

LEO:

Mae hon yn addo bod yn gyfnod ramantus, ond da chi ceisiwch peidio a gorwario, a pheidiwch a phrynu dim byd yn fyrrwyll, achos mi fyddwch siwr o ddifaru'ch enaid.

VIRGO:

Mae cyfnod creadigol iawn o'ch blaen chi. Mae gyda chi llawer mwy o hyder yn eich gallu ar hyn o bryd, a fe gewch chi gyfle cyn bo hir i synnu sawl person dylanwadol gyda'ch talent.

LIBRA:

Mae'r sefyllfa gartre braidd yn ansfydlog - falle eich bod yn bwriadu symud ac wedi cael eich siomi, ond na phoenwch siom dros dro fydd hi, fe ddaw'r cyfian yn iawn cyn bo hir.

SCORPIO:

Ceisiwch gadw'ch trwyn yn lân a chadw draw oddi wrth unrhyw broblemau cytundebol neu gyfreithiol y mis hwn. Peidiwch ag arwyddo unrhyw ddogfen swyddogol os na fydd raid.

SAGITTARIUS:

Mae hwn yn fis prysur iawn i chi, a dyma'r cyfnod prysura'i gyd, o'r braid fydd eich traed yn

cyffwrdd â'r llawr.

Cymrwch ofal o'ch iechyd, a gofalwch eich bod yn cael digon o gwsg.

CAPRICORN:

Mae cyfnod o waith caled o'ch blaen chi, gwaith ymyddol, a llawer o ddysgu ac astudio. Daliwch ati, ac mi fyddwch yn siwr o elwa ar eich canfed cyn bo hir.

AQUARIUS:

Mae hi'n gyfnod ffafriol iawn i faterion y galon ar hyn o bryd, ond peidiwch a rhuthro'r sefyllfa chwaith, a gofalwch na fyddwch yn llosgi'ch bysedd trwy fod yn rhy feiddgar.

PISCES:

Byddwch amyneddgar a daliwch eich tafod am y tro, gan fod cwerlya yn yr awyr, ac rwy'n ofni taw chi fydd yn gyfrifol am ddechrau'r cwerly - os na rhyngyor i!

EIRY PALFREY

NEIRIN YW PENCAMPWR TENIS DAN 8 CYMRU

Mae gan Gymru bencampwr tenis newydd. Yn ddiweddar fe enillodd Neirin Gilani o Benarth gystadleuaeth cenedlaethol tenis yng Ngogledd Cymru i ddod yn bencampwr dan 8 oed Cymru.

Mae Neirin, sy'n ddisgybl yn ysgol Pen y Garth yn aelod o glwb tenis Penarth Windsor. Dros yr haf fe aeth y teulu i fyny i Wrecsam i gystadlu yn y twrnament lle bu tua 30 o chwaraewyr o rannau eraill o Gymru yn cystadlu yn yr adran dan 8.

Meddai ei fam, Bethan: "Rhaid i mi ddweud ei fod wedi chwarae yn dda iawn, yn gystadleuol ac o safon." Roedd yn rhaid iddo chwarae 4 gêm rhagbrofol yna aeth drwodd i'r rowndiau terfynol, saith gêm i gyd.

Arhosodd y teulu am noswaith arall oherwydd i Neirin rhoi tro ar gystadlu yn yr adran dan 9 oed, ac er ei fod yn ifanc iawn i chwarae ar y safon yma, daeth yn drydydd.

"Roedd hwn yn fwy o gamp yn fy llygaidd i," medd Bethan. "Dwi'n credu fod y 'pressure off' gan ei fod wedi ennill y diwrnod cynt, oherwydd wnaeth chwarae yn bert iawn - enillodd 6 gêm o'r bron i gyrraedd y gêm gyn derfynol - heb ollwng un set ar y ffordd. Ond rhaid i'r glory days ddod i ben rhywryd. Fe ddaeth yn erbyn chwaraewr anhygoel o Ogledd Cymru yn y semi-final a cholli." Rhaid chwarae un gêm arall wedyn yn y rownd ail gyfle a llwyddodd i ennill y gêm mewn dau set i gael y 3ydd lle.

Rob Wedlake, yw prif hyfforddwr clwb tenis y Windsor. "Mae cynnydd Neirin wedi bod yn arbennig o dda o ystyried taw dim ond dwy flynedd mae wedi bod yn chwarae. Mae ganddo ddawn ac mae'n ymroddgar dros ben. Llongyfarchiadau mawr iddo," meddai.

Meddai ei fam balch, "Profiad anhygoel i fachgen ifanc - ac yn ad-daliad am yr holl oriau caled o ymarfer mae a wedi gwneud dros y flywyddyn diwethaf. Ry ni'n mynd ati i ymarfer bob wythnos - gyda hyd yn oed cwpwl o sesiynau cyn ysgol, sydd yn hyfrif fel riant i gael fod allan o'r tŷ erbyn 6.30 y bore - ond does byth cwyn yn dod o Neirin - mae e jest yn dwli chwarae!!!!" GWENDA RICHARDS

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Cynhelir sesiwn grefftiau Nadoligaidd i'r teulu dan arweiniad Edwina Williams-Jones, ar y 6ed o Ragfyr, 2-4.30pm yn Hen Neuadd y Bontfaen.

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Del Toro's gothic horror fails to Peak interest...

GUILLERMO DEL TORO has struggled to get projects off the ground in recent years. Having been hired to helm *The Hobbit* films, Del Toro had to leave the project due to the amount of time it was taking to get the scripts into shape, while his adaption of HP Lovecraft's *At The Mountains of Madness and Pacific Rim 2* have both been postponed (perhaps indefinitely).

One film Del Toro has managed to make is *Crimson Peak*, a gothic horror set in the late 19th century.

Mia Wasikowska is Edith, a young woman who falls for Sir Thomas Sharpe (Tom Hiddleston) and marries him, being swept away to his remote mansion that he shares with his sister, Lady Lucille (Jessica Chastain).

Able to communicate with the dead, Edith soon discovers that the mansion has its share of spooky secrets, and that monsters that stalk the halls may not just be the dead...

While Guillermo Del Toro has confirmed himself as one of the visually arresting directors working at present, his English language films have never matched the invention and style of the likes of *Cronos*, *The Devil's Backbone* or *Pan's Labyrinth*.

In the English language Del Toro seems to prefer working in the broader medium of blockbusters with the likes of *Blade 2*, *Pacific Rim* and *Hellboy* and its sequel; all solidly entertaining, but not a patch on his Spanish language material.

This loose rule of thumb applies to *Crimson Peak* as well, a

big-budget, gothic horror film that looks absolutely stunning, creates atmosphere and mood, but squanders this with a story that plays out predictably, never taking a diversion into the unknown.

The charge that it isn't scary is something of a moot one (the real horror, in a neat parallel with the story, comes from the actions of the human characters rather than the ghosts), although shock fans may well feel shortchanged.

Instead, through the visual medium, Del Toro creates a gothic horror wonderland, the oppressive mansion that Edith, Thomas and Lucille live in teeming with red clay that is the key to the family's fortune and symbolic of the blood that has been shed there throughout the years.

In terms of creating a mood and tone, Del Toro gets it spot on, while his ability to create set-pieces of tension, and the wonderful use of real actors as ghosts, augmented with CGI, gives the film a strong visual identity.

However, the story fails to match these heights; it creeps with the sense of predictability, played archly and almost campy, as if we are to assume that the sense of knowing is played for irony.

That it clearly isn't, and overplays the big reveals that you can see coming a mile off, drastically takes the sheen off what Del Toro is trying to achieve here.

The cast fill their roles with aplomb, but again don't really shine any more than you would expect them to; Mia Wasikowska has played the innocent caught up in strange



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incidents far too many times now (*Alice in Wonderland*, *Stoker*), Tom Hiddleston does dashing, Byron-esque chivalry concealing a dark heart in his sleep, and Jessica Chastain is more than capable of playing the quietly malevolent puppet master.

All fine actors, all playing to type, and while that's no great issue, they, and the material, don't really extend past what you would imagine, while Charlie Hunnam's curious dentist, on the trail of the siblings in

order to save Edith, sees the actor simply adopt a variety of quizzical expressions and offer up empty heroism (a fault of the script).

By the time the film ends you're left with a strong feeling of what might have been; there is no questioning that Guillermo Del Toro can create these fantastical worlds and indelible visual imagery, but *Crimson Peak* just lacks any real bite and depth to resonate.

As an exercise in style it's a success - as a horror film, it feels a little shopworn to convince.

VERDICT - A disappointment given the talent involved, *Crimson Peak* looks stunning but lacks the substance to make for a great film.

The direction of Guillermo Del Toro is the star here, the performances solid but hardly stretching, but the weak and predictable story ultimately undoes what could, and should, have been so much better.

Average.
SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Pan's Labyrinth* (2006), *Sleepy Hollow* (1999).

What's On IN BRIEF

Auction at St John's, Sully
THE Church of St John the Baptist, Sully is holding an auction this Friday, November 6, at 7pm.

The auction will take place in The Old School, South Road and viewing is from 6pm onwards. All proceeds go to the upkeep of church and churchyard.

Entrance is free, but buyers must provide their own transport - whatever they bid on!

Art and craft group
LLANTWIT MAJOR Art and Craft Group invite you to their pre-Christmas winter coffee morning this Saturday, November 7, from 10am to 12 noon at the Llantonian Hall, Llantwit Major.

As well as coffee and cake for the adults, there will be a children's craft corner, Santa's Sack and the opportunity to write a letter to Santa. Cake stall, raffle, seasonal music and craft stalls. Come and join in the fun!

Iolo Park litter-pick
COUN Richard Bertin of Court ward, Barry invites volunteers to help with a litter-pick at Iolo Park on the Treharne estate on Saturday, November 7 from 10.30am (weather permitting).

Gloves, bags, pickers

and vests will be provided; for more information call Coun Bertin on 01446 736227.

Mayor's coffee morning
THE Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian is holding a charity coffee morning from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the Mayor's Parlour at the town hall this Saturday (November 7) in support of Prostate Cymru and the young people's Motivational Learning Trust (MLT). All are welcome.

St Helen's church bazaar
ON Saturday, November 7 St Helen's Church, Barry will hold their annual bazaar at the Barry Memorial Hall.

Doors open at 1.30pm and entry is 50p. Cakes, bottles, gifts, refreshments, toys and games, raffles, bric-a-brac, jewellery, china and glass and - Mother Christmas! Something for everyone.

MP's surgery
VALE MP Alun Cairns will be available at the Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Friday, November 13 from 10am to 11am.

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Roll of Honour for Great War to be unveiled at local school



Earl Angove and his family.



Ernest Denman.



Samuel Pearse, VC.

WHEN the National School in Penarth closed, the memorial to its 21 former pupils who had died in the Great War, which had been unveiled and dedicated on July 9, 1920, was lost.

As the school was one of the antecedents of the present St Cyres School in Penarth, headteacher Dr Jonathan Hicks wanted to ensure that the names of these former pupils were remembered.

He explained: "We resolved to commemorate the centenary of the Great War by producing a contemporary memorial to our former pupils to ensure that their sacrifice would not be forgotten."

"The original memorial was of oak, but working with school staff Wendy Hicks, Damian Parker and Simon Watts, we have produced a replacement memorial in keeping with our new modern building, in a format that the pupils of this school can connect with, while still respecting the traditions of the past."

I hope that this will be seen as a fitting tribute to men who gave their lives for us."

The new roll of honour will be unveiled and dedicated on November 11 at 11am. A pupil of St Cyres will represent each of the names commemorated and will talk about each man at the ceremony.

A digital book of the men's lives and service has been created by Wendy Hicks and Nick Alford, and will be shown on the school's screens during Remembrance week so that pupils, staff and visitors will learn more about the individual stories behind the names.

Among the names of the fallen are the following:

Earl Malcolm Angove was a private with the 8th Battalion of the Welsh Regiment. He was the son of Edward and Mary Angove of 50 Arcot Street in Penarth and latterly the husband of Gladys Angove of 37 John Street in Penarth. Earl played rugby for Penarth.

He was an engine cleaner with the Taff Vale Railway Company before joining the army and had already served as a volunteer with the 2nd Glamorgan Royal Garrison Artillery, joining the Territorial Army in April 1908, aged 17, before being discharged after a year.

The 8th Welsh were a service battalion of pioneers. They were formed at Cardiff in August 1914 as part of K1 and attached to 40th Brigade in 13th (Western) Division.

They moved to Salisbury Plain and were at Chisleton in October

1914. They then went into billets in Bournemouth in December.

In January 1915 they were converted into a Pioneer battalion to same division and moved to Aldershot in February 1915.

They embarked at Avonmouth on June 15, 1915 and landed at ANZAC cove in Gallipoli on August 5, 1915. In December 1915 they were part of the mass evacuation from Gallipoli and went to Egypt via Mudros. In February 1916 they moved to Mesopotamia.

Earl died of smallpox on February 5, 1918, aged 27, in Mesopotamia and is buried in a cemetery in Baghdad.

Daniel Vivian Davies of 13 Plassey Street served with the 8th Battalion of the South Wales Borderers, though he was initially posted to the Royal Horse Artillery and the Royal Field Artillery.

Formed at Brecon on September 14, 1914 as part of Third Kitchener Army and attached to 67th Brigade, 22nd Division, the battalion moved to Seaford but by December 1914 was in billets in St Leonards. It returned to Seaford in April 1915 and moved to Aldershot by the end of May.

Daniel landed at Boulogne on September 6, 1915 but sailed at Marseilles on October 10 for service in Salonika. The British and French sent some 150,000 men to assist the Serbian Army in their fight against the Germans, Austrians and Bulgarians.

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Thomas was killed, aged just 19

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After a cold, wet winter the British Army advanced north towards Lake Doiran and the River Vardar. There were no pitched battles but many raids and diversions.

As the weather warmed there were enemies – flies, dysentery and malaria. There were often hundreds of men sick on a daily basis.

The battalion was ordered to raid a Bulgarian outpost on Flat Iron Hill in the summer of 1918. This was about a thousand yards from the British line and protected by two substantial belts of wire. The raiders, six officers and 100 men, carried Bangalore torpedoes which were tubes full of explosives to be pushed under the enemy's wire.

The Bangalore exploded, creating gaps through which the raiders rushed – just as the Bulgarian barrage came down. The raiders bombed several dugouts and after 20 minutes withdrew with a loss of only two men killed and nine wounded.

Daniel was killed in action on July 13, 1918 aged 24. He lies buried in Karasouli Military Cemetery in Greece.

Ernest Denman was the third mate aboard the *SS Narragansett*, a 9,196 gross ton tanker with her engines amidships. She was built by Scott's Shipbuilding and Engineering Co. of Glasgow/Greenock, in 1903 for the Anglo-American Oil Co. and was the largest and

fastest (11 knots) tanker afloat at the time.

On May 7, 1915, she was attacked by a submarine south of Ireland, but the torpedo missed. However, she sank with the loss of all hands (Captain plus 45 crew) on March 16, 1917 when she was hit by a German torpedo.

The vessel was sunk by German U-Boat *U-44*, commanded by Paul Wagenfuhr, about 400 miles west of the Scilly Islands. Her final voyage was from New York to London, carrying a cargo of lubricating oil.

Ernest was the son of Emily Denman of 32 Grove Place and had been born in Penarth. He is commemorated on the Tower Hill memorial in London.

On Aug 2, 1917 the *U-44* was rammed by *HMS Oracle* off southern Norway with the loss of all hands.

George John Chatterton Jolliffe was the son of Charles and Mary Jolliffe of 92 Windsor Road in Penarth; he served with the 2nd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (Eastern Ontario Regiment).

Born in 1886, he emigrated to Canada and became a farmer before joining the Canadian Army in December 1914 in Winnipeg. He was unmarried.

On February 8, 1915 the battalion was mobilised for war. The men sailed from England aboard the *SS Blackwell*, bound for France.

Their first taste of action came later that month, on 19 February,

when they entered the trench system at Armentieres.

By early April, the 2nd Battalion were in the area of Ypres, Belgium, and soon found themselves involved in the Second Battle of Ypres.

It was on April 22 that the battalion first saw the horrors of German gas attacks. They were in reserve positions several kilometres behind the French line when they witnessed a large number of French Colonial (Algerians) streaming away from the front lines. These men were dropping in convulsions of vomiting.

It was apparent the 2nd Battalion was heading for no ordinary fight. The battalion was moved up to the area of St Julien-Kitchener Woods to help stop the German advances made after the gas attacks.

Over the course of

the next three days the 2nd Battalion, along with a number of battalions, would fight in the brutal Battle of St Julien (a part of the Second Battle of Ypres).

By the time the 2nd Battalion was relieved and withdrawn, they had lost close to 400 men, 162 of them wounded – well over half of the battalion.

George was killed, aged 29, on May 8, 1915 and is commemorated as one of the missing on the Menin Gate.

Thomas William Maunders was 19 when he died of wounds on October 31, 1918, just 11 days before the armistice was signed.

The son of William and Lizzie Maunders, he was serving with the 2nd Battalion of the Worcestershire Regiment.

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NEVER FORGOTTEN:
The memorial to Samuel Pearse in Mildura, Australia.

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David Melding AM

If David can be of assistance, please write to **National Assembly for Wales, Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA** or by phone or e-mail.
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Penarthian's Victoria Cross!

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During September of 1918 the 2nd Worcesters were part of the force charged with crossing the St Quentin Canal. At 5.30am on September 29 the guns behind the 33rd

Division opened fire and the battle began, the main attack on the right starting 20 minutes later.

Scrambling out of their trenches, the Worcestershire platoons advanced as rapidly as possible through a storm of German shells, but the rain of the previous days had converted the shattered ground into deep mud and the laden troops could not keep up with the barrage.

As soon as the

British shells ceased to burst, the German machine-guns came into action, one after another. In all, seven machine-guns appear to have opened fire and under the hail of their bullets the attack withered away.

Through the smoke of the shell-bursts the platoons in rear saw their comrades in front collapse, but they pushed on in their turn only to meet a similar fate.

All the platoons of the two leading companies had been shot down and the majority of the two support companies had fallen before the survivors came to a halt halfway to the road and took cover as best they could.

Thomas was probably wounded during this attack and he died two days later. He is buried in Terlinthun British Cemetery in Wimille which was used for burials from base hospitals.

Buried in the same cemetery is **George Henry Love**, who served as a gunner in 'C' Battery, 50th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. He died of his wounds on October 31, 1918 in Boulogne, just over a week before the Armistice.

Samuel George Pearce is one of two Penarthians to have won the Victoria Cross. He was born on July 16, 1897 at Penarth. In 1911 his family moved to Victoria in Australia.



George Love.

He joined the Australian Army in July 1915, aged 18, and served at Gallipoli, the Battle of the Somme and at Passchendaele.

Pearse had a chequered military career, being court-martialled and reduced to the ranks, going absent without leave on

several occasions, was wounded on the Somme and yet, as part of the 1st Machine Gun Battalion of the Australian Imperial Force he won the Military Medal during the fighting around Passchendaele (the Third Battle of Ypres).

He was discharged from the army in July 1919 but joined the 45th Battalion of the Royal Fusiliers who were then ordered to Russia. The North Russian Relief Force had been formed to protect allied supplies which were being sent to the White Russian forces then engaged in a struggle against the Russian revolutionaries of the Red Army.

On August 29, 1919, north of the village of

Emtsa, a village on the Archangel to Vologda railway line, he cut his way through enemy barbed wire under very heavy rifle and machine gun fire.

He thus cleared a way for the troops to enter an enemy battery position.

Seeing that a blockhouse was holding up the advance, Pearce charged the blockhouse single-handed and despatched the occupants with grenades, before being killed a few minutes later.

He is now buried in the Obozerskaya Burial Ground and is also commemorated on a special memorial in Archangel Allied Cemetery and one in Mildura, Australia.

'ANIMALS DON'T START WARS, BUT THEY SUFFER FROM THEM'

AS Remembrance Day approaches, it is important to remember that war is not just a human catastrophe.

Millions of animals have also been killed and maimed in human conflicts.

On the frontline, animals such as dolphins have been used to detect mines, and dogs have been parachuted into enemy territory where many of them died.

Animals also suffer in laboratories across the globe.

Animals such as monkeys, rats and guinea pigs are used to test weaponry and made to suffer the devastating effects of chemical warfare agents.

Farm and companion animals are also victims of war. When the bombs start to fall, and people

flee, the animals are left to take the brunt of the bombing.

Animals do not start wars and they do not create weaponry, yet because humans do, they are made to suffer in war zones and in laboratories.

The very least we do

can do for them is to remember those animals for what they truly are: victims not heroes.

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Tod Bradbury,
Campaigns Team,
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Remembrance at Lavernock

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Grace (15) represents Great Britain in mounted games



Grace Dalton.

GRACE Dalton (15) from St. Brides Major, and a pupil at Porthcawl Comprehensive School, was selected for Great Britain to compete at the International Mounted Games Competition in Washington DC during July.

Grace was selected from hundreds of Pony Club members from all over the UK.

The team comprised of Grace from Wales, who has been riding for the Llangeinor Pony Club since she was six years old, Courtney Wray

from Northern Ireland, Nick Tougher from Southern Ireland, Will Thirlbey and Zack Mallalieu from England.

The philosophy for this international event is not just about the competition but also aims to promote a m b a s a d o r s h i p, education and a cultural experience the children will remember for the rest of their lives. It rotates between Great Britain, Australia, USA and Canada on an annual basis.

The team flew to Washington DC and met up with the members of the opposing teams. They enjoyed two weeks of sightseeing and fun

together before the competition began.

They visited many famous attractions including The White House, The Lincoln Memorial and several of the Smithsonian Museums. They then travelled around the state of Virginia visiting the battlegrounds of the American Civil War, Chesapeake Island, and Potomac River to name just a few.

The competition was held at Lexington Horse Grounds, Virginia and consisted of 16 events.

Canada took an early lead in the competition with Great Britain and Australia close behind.

At the halfway stage Great Britain and Australia had started to pull away but remained neck and neck until the very last game; unfortunately Great Britain finished runners-up to Australia, losing by just one point.

Grace was first selected to represent Wales at the age of 12 and has competed in Italy, France and Ireland.

Her highest achievement was being selected for the Wales Pony Club team to compete at the Royal Windsor horse show on two occasions.

In 2013 Wales came runners-up to England but in 2014 they avenged the defeat and brought the Windsor Cup back to Wales for the first time in 11 years. The Queen and Prince Phillip watched both finals with Prince Phillip presenting the awards to the team.

Grace has recently been selected to represent Wales at the World Team under-17 Mounted Games Championships, which will be held this month at the HITS Arena, in Ocala, Florida, USA.

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Tudor hangs up his racing boots

ONE of point-to-point racing's finest riders has hung up his riding boots.

He's the Vale's James Tudor, who has ridden 252 winners between the flags and a further 34 under rules.

In Wales, only Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn has ridden more point-to-point winners and his total of wins is 270.

I have had the pleasure of reporting on Tudor's success, just like I had reporting on Llewellyn's, ever since he rode his first winner in 2000, and The GEM's headline then read 'Cowbridge schoolboy rides first winner'.

I went on to say: 'James Tudor (16), a pupil at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, notched up his first winner in only his second ride at the Vale of Clettwr Hunt steeplechases, winning division three of the maiden race on former hurdler Mecca Prince, owned and trained by his grandfather, John Tudor.'

'James, from Wick, had his first ride half an hour earlier in division two of the maiden, in which he pulled up on Spot On Millie.'

'This promising young rider is following a family tradition - his father, Willie Tudor, was a well-known rider on the Welsh point-to-point circuit in the 1970s.'

James has been associated with some good horses and these include Unmistakably, on which he won the Lady Dudley Cup at the Worcestershire Hunt Steeplechases in 2006.

His Cheltenham winners include Mr Spodge, Bon Accord, which gave him his 100th win, High Hatton and High Chimes, on which he won the Kim Muir Chase at the 2008 National Hunt Festival meeting for Llancafnan trainer Evan Williams, who, like James, is a former national champion point-to-point rider.

James won the title in 2007 and while most of his wins were probably outside of Wales - he was South Midlands champion when riding for Alan and Lawney Hill - he did win the Welsh championship on one or two occasions.

One thing is certain the sport will be a lot poorer for his absence.

BRIAN LEE

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THE South Wales Warriors American football team have announced the details for their open try out days in preparation for the 2016 adult (aged 18+) season.

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For more information contact swwarriors@hotmail.com; the club is also on the web at www.southwaleswarriors.co.uk and on Facebook and Twitter.

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (A4055 HARBOUR ROAD (CAUSEWAY), BARRY) (30MPH SPEED RESTRICTION (TEMPORARY) ORDER 2015

On the 5th November 2015 the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers made an Order the general effect of which is as described in the Schedules below.

The Order will come into operation on the 6th November 2015 or on the date that the necessary Traffic Signs are in place whichever is the later and a copy of the Order may be seen at the address shown below during normal office hours.

If you wish to question the validity of the Order or any provisions contained therein on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the above Act or on the grounds that any requirement of the same or that any instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Order, you may within six weeks from the 6th November 2015 apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE 1

1. No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle to travel at a speed greater than 30 mph in the location specified in Schedule 2 below.

SCHEDULE 2

Location The area of the A4055 Harbour Road (Causeway) from its junction with St Nicholas Road to its junction with Paget Road Barry.

In addition, the Order known as "The Vale of Glamorgan (A4055 Harbour Road, Barry) (40MPH Speed Restriction) (NO.29) Order 1998" shall be suspended for the duration of this Order.

Reason To allow for the construction of a new footway and cycle lane.

Duration From 6th November 2015, for a maximum period of 18 months or until the 30mph Traffic Signs are removed, whichever is the sooner.

Dated this 5th day of November 2015

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps Depot, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.



CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG GORCHYMYN 2015 ([SARN] YR A4055 HARBOUR ROAD, Y BARRI) (CYFYNGIAD CYFLYMDER 30MYA [DROS DRO])

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ATODIAD 1

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ATODIAD 2

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THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/01061/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg:	Proposed detached dwelling with integral double garage
Location/Lleoliad:	Site at Boverton Road, Boverton
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Boverton
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/01157/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg:	Proposed development of 19 affordable dwellings, with associated landscaping and engineering works
Location/Lleoliad:	Land off Wick Road, St. Brides Major
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	St. Brides Major
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/01203/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg:	Change of use from photographic studio to Tattoo Studio
Location/Lleoliad:	Dawson Strange Photography Ltd., 3, Windsor Arcade, Penarth
Conservation Area/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Penarth

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/01045/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg:	Change of work from residential accommodation to offices. Minor work required to install IT and electrical cabling for sockets and lighting. A false ceiling will also be installed. A door lock will also be required for the existing kitchen door
Location/Lleoliad:	United World College of the Atlantic, East Drive, St. Donats
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade I

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/01157/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg:	Proposed development of 19 affordable dwellings, with associated landscaping and engineering works
Location/Lleoliad:	Land off Wick Road, St. Brides Major
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Affecting The Old Vicarage, Grade II
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/01163/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg:	Proposed alterations to existing house and outbuildings
Location/Lleoliad:	Keepers Cottage, Lower Porthkerry, Porthkerry Road, Rhooose
Listed Building/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Affecting Lower Porthkerry Farmhouse, Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/01157/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg:	Proposed development of 19 affordable dwellings, with associated landscaping and engineering works
Location/Lleoliad:	Land off Wick Road, St. Brides Major

May affect a Public Right of Way/ Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/01061/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg:	Proposed detached dwelling with integral double garage
Location/Lleoliad:	Site at Boverton Road, Boverton

Departure from Development Plan/ Gwyrto o'r Cynllun Datblygu

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2015/01152/OUT
Proposal/Cynnyg:	Erection of five detached dwellings, new access and associated works (including demolition of existing garage)
Location/Lleoliad:	Land at Higher End, Llantwit Road, St. Athan

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Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy <http://vagonline.planning-register.co.uk/>

Dated / Dyddiedig: 5 November, 2015

V. L. Robinson
Operational Manager, Regeneration and Planning, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

PG10 PLAYERS TAKE A TRIP TO THE ARSENAL!



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A PG10 Coaching spokesman said: "The whole of October half term has been dedicated to developing local children

football skills and to inspire them.

"We have more opportunities for the children in the near future to aid player development."

To get involved in PG10 activities visit www.pg10coaching.co.uk.

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Brian's blast from the point-to-point past – 1991

BRIAN LEE who will be celebrating half-a-century of reporting on the Welsh hunt-racing season when the new season shortly gets under way, takes another look at one of his many press cuttings scrap books, this time for 1991.

Officials and supporters of the Banwen Miners Hunt Point-To-Point at Rheola Racecourse, Resolven, Neath, can give themselves a big pat on the back. A few days before racing was due to take place, vandals destroyed two fences and completely damaged another before their chainsaw seized-up, causing some £2,000 worth of damage and putting the meeting in doubt.

Somehow the members managed to make good the damage and their efforts were rewarded with a record-breaking crowd who bought up all the racecards. Bill Evan's prolific *Timber Tool* was made an even money favourite to win the men's open race. But a bad mistake at the 14th nearly unshipped Tim Rooney and enabled Bridgend's Jon Tudor on *St Helen's Boy* to take over the lead and eventually win by three parts of a length from *Timber Tool*, who could not get to him on the run-in. The race lost some of its interest when Peter Bowen's *Radio Cue* came down at the second fence.

George Lewis's *Fieldsman* made nearly all in the running to win the adjacent hunt's race. Confidently ridden by Joe Price, *Fieldsman* was running for the first time since being injured in a fall several months ago at

ON AND OFF THE TURF with Brian Lee

Pencader. A big disappointment was the favourite *Gold Shot*, who pulled up approaching the last fence having, excuse the pun, shot his bolt.

The first division of the maiden went to Mr and Mrs Ernest Harries's *Atlantic Swell*, who is trained by Bert Lavis of Simpson Cross. *Atlantic Swell's* rider, Jamie Jukes, is assistant trainer to Royston's John Jenkins.

Carmarthen's David Jones, having his first ride since being suspended by the Jockey Club six months ago, took the members' race on his father's *Bassett Boy*, who scored by a distance from the odds-on favourite *Vivaque*.

And under the heading 'Radio Cue Disqualified', I wrote: *Radio Cue*, owned and trained by Peter Bowen of Little Newcastle, was disqualified after finishing first in the adjacent hunt's race at the recent Llangeinor Hunt Steeplechases at St Mary Hill near Bridgend. This promising eight-year-old hunter left the paddock with a 12lb penalty for previous wins as per the conditions of the race schedule. But, apparently, his rider, Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn, was told that according to the conditions on the racecard the horse shouldn't have been penalised, so the race was delayed while he rode back and weighed out again this time without the extra weight.

But when Llewellyn weighed-in after the race, after beating Tim Rooney on *Gummetal Boy* in an

exciting finish, he was disqualified by the stewards after an objection by the clerk of the scales for not drawing the correct weight. The man who brought the notice of the officials is well known in West Wales point-to-pointing circles. (I have forgotten now who it was so perhaps John Llewellyn will be able to remind me!)

Bill Evans's *Timber Tool* made it a day Peter Bowen will want to forget as he beat his *Parkhridge* by a length in the men's open race after making nearly all the running.

At the Gelligaer Farmers' meeting at Llantarnam, Jon Tudor rode a clever race on the grey *Dewliner* to land the adjacent hunt's race. He dashed the six-year-old into the lead approaching the 14th fence and was never headed. It was at this meeting that Emily Jones (19) of St Mellons, was the unluckiest rider of the day.

Riding her mother's seven-year-old brown mare *Severe Gale* in the maiden race, Emily made all the running to pass the winning post 10 lengths ahead of *Tregarth Magnus*. But on the run-in, her weight cloth came off and she was disqualified for not drawing the correct weight.

While at the re-arranged Tivyside meeting, Cowbridge farmer John Llewellyn landed his second 'fourtimer' of the season when winning on *Parkhridge* (Adjacent), *Radio Cue* (Men's Open), *Woodlawn* (Restricted) and *Double Danger* (Maiden).

You can e-mail your point-to-point memories or pictures to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone him on 02920736438.



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has recently launched an engaging new recruitment campaign that has caught the attention of the general public again, as well as celebrities and public figures.

The choir has produced a series of invitations and posters advertising its special taster session for potential new members which is to be held in the Barry West End Club on November 16 at 7.30pm.

To give potential new recruits an idea of why some of the current choir members have joined it in the last year, they spoke to THE GEM and explained what

happened...

Garth Davies, who features as Star Warrior in the club's recruitment programme, said: "I was always interested in joining a choir and last year's recruitment campaign was the nudge I needed."

"The choir is an awesome, friendly team. The sound we make is brilliant and I remember my first 'goose bump moment' was singing the Pilgrim's Chorus. I was sold. I wish I had joined the choir earlier."

"I'm sure there are many men in the area who would feel the same. We have to find them. They will be welcomed into a slick choir."

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Steve James is highlighted as the choir's Shower Crooner.

"My interest in singing started with a school production of The Mikado at Glan Ely High School.

"Since then I have sung in the shower and at karaoke evenings and wherever anyone will listen.

"I have been encouraged by the friendliness and welcome of this fine body of men. I feel certain that my singing has improved."

Nick Meyrick is the choir's Mr Karaoke King!

Nick told The GEM: "I've always had an interest in Welsh male voice singing. I've been to many concerts and have shared in the choir's very good social life at home and abroad.

"Earlier this year my wife and I enjoyed a wonderful visit to Rheinfelden in Germany. Next Spring we are off to sing in Scotland and later in the year we will sing at the Royal Albert Hall London.

"I was persuaded to join the choir earlier than I intended and I'm glad that I did!"

Andy Parsons was dubbed Mr Calon Lan for the recruitment campaign.

"I was very disappointed not to have played in the World Cup but being a member of the Barry Male Voice has made up for it!

"I have learnt to pay more attention to posters. I missed the campaign but luckily spotted an old poster in a laundrette in Cadroxton. I made contact, went along to a rehearsal and haven't looked back."

One common theme among choristers is the feeling that they wish they had joined the choir earlier.

Mick Fisher said:

"Joining is something I should have done a long time ago. At the taster evening I was encouraged to participate without being pressurised.

"It was a most enjoyable evening which made me feel positive about joining the choir."

Paul Clemo had always been tempted to make the plunge.

"I've always enjoyed singing and the recruitment campaign gave me the nudge to actually do something about joining a choir. I'm so glad I made the effort."

Dave Veal had a remarkable 'conversion' to choir life.

A year ago, he had just moved to St Athan and was happily singing away in the shower.

His wife Ann dashed in from the kitchen, ordered him out and said "Listen to this!"

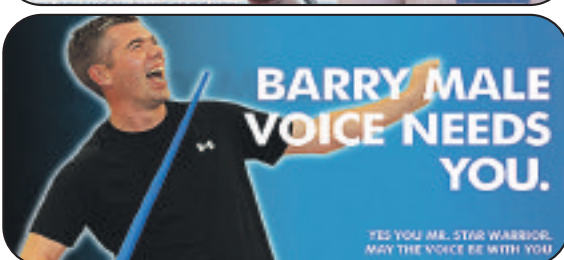
Dot Connell, the musical director of Barry Male Voice Choir, was on the radio. Dot, who happened to be in Scotland overlooking Troon Sands was describing last year's recruitment drive and its search for new members to Roy Noble back in Cardiff.

Dave said: "I thought I'd won the Lottery!"

A year later and Dave feels more than ever that he has won the Lottery.

He is due to link up with Roy Noble on 'The Roy Noble' show on Sunday, November 8, to talk about choir life and encourage others to make that life-enhancing decision.

So you're interested in joining the choir, but have a few questions...



Men of Barry and the Vale, Barry Male Voice Choir needs you. You'll be made welcome at our taster evening at the West End Club, St Nicholas Rd, Barry (CF62 6QY) on Monday, November 16 at 7.30pm.

Last year's campaign on Facebook and Twitter was so encouraging it took us by surprise. The actor Michael Sheen even re-tweeted our post to his 200,000 followers.

It also had support from weatherman Derek Brockway, a native of Barry, BBC presenter Sian Williams and a number of Welsh sports personalities.

So what happens at the taster evening?

It is a gentle and convivial introduction to male voice singing. It is for men who are interested in

singing but who have not sung before or who are nervous about joining a choir.

Guests will not be expected to sing on their own.

The evening will focus on singing under the expert guidance of our musical director Dot Connell.

What happens after the singing?

A singalong with our resident guitarist John Shewring with a pint (or soft drink) and a buffet.

What if I want to join the choir after the taster?

A series of practices for new choristers have been arranged which will help prepare them to join the choir.

Anyone unable to attend the taster session will still be very welcome to join the choir at any time.

For more information see the choir website at www.barrymalevoicechoir.co.uk or phone 07925 878669.

Gareth Roberts - the Chairman's welcome

I am delighted to report that the proud legacy of Barry Male Voice Choir is safe. Ahead there is a future which every chorister can share with pride and confidence.

This enviable state of affairs is due to the success of last year's recruitment campaign which resulted in 16 new members joining the choir.

These valued members are now a proud part of a collective team sharing a love of singing, fellowship and fun.

Ahead lies the continued challenge of serving the community by supporting charities and local organisations.

Choir life also involves travel at home and abroad as well as regular social events.

The choir's taster evening at the West End Club Barry is on November 16.

This is a chance for any men interested in what male voice singing is about to find out in the most welcoming and convivial way.

There are no expectations or demands. Join us for a sing along, a pint and buffet.

The choir extends its thanks to the Barry Town Council, the Vale of Glamorgan Council and our advertisers for their support.



Gordon Mudford - President's invitation

BARRY Male Voice Choir has served the cultural and charitable interests of the town and the Vale with distinction for 113 years.

The success of last year's recruitment drive has secured the future of the choir.

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New members to the choir will be very welcome to join in.

Gentlemen, if you just think you might be interested in singing or music come along to our taster evening. There is nothing to lose and everything to gain!

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and Ian, devoted grandfather to Libby, Grace
and Eva, affectionate father-in-law to Dan
and Kate.

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SNOW

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Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

A celebration of Val's life will take place at
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DOLMAN

Lyn



Nikki and family would like to
thank everyone who supported
her and Lyn through his illness
before he sadly passed away on
October 3rd. They would also like
to thank everyone who sent
flowers, cards and kind words of
condolence during this hard time.

Nikki would like to say thank you
to everyone at Llantwit Major RFC
for their love, support and kindness
shown during this time. She would
also like to say a special thank you
to all of her and Lyn's closest
friends who have been an immense support, helping
her and the family through these hard days.

Lyn would be so proud of you all.

Thank You x

CURTIS

Peter Charles (Tex)

Died suddenly at home, beloved husband of Laura,
beloved son of Eileen and Michael.

Funeral service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium,
Port Road East, Barry on Monday, November 9 at 2pm.
Family flowers only, donations if desired to Calm.

CURTIS

Brynley Thomas (Bryn)

Suddenly passed away on October 25 at
Llandough Hospital, aged 78. Loving husband to
Lillian, loving father to Dawn, Deborah, Bryn
and Denise, and a loving grandfather to Luke,
Angel and Olivia.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors, 7 Tynewdd Road,
Barry until his service on Wednesday, November 11
at 11am at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium,
Port Road. Donations in lieu of flowers will be
gratefully received at the service to The British Heart
Foundation.

ROGERS

David Morris

Peacefully on October 28 at UHW, Cardiff, after
a short illness, David (Dai) of St. Athan, beloved
husband of the late June, dearly loved father
and grandfather.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James &
Sons, Fommon. Funeral Friday, November 13, service
2pm at St. Athan Church, followed by cremation at
Coychurch Crematorium Bridgend at 3.15pm.

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W. James & Sons Charity Account c/o J. James, 11
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DANCEY

Joan Anne

Peacefully on October 29 at Llandough Hospital,
after a short illness. Joan, well known for her
time at John's Hot Bread Shop, Barry and
devoted wife to the late Peter. Much loved mum
of Anne, David, Elaine and Jonathan, cherished
nana to Claire, Marcus, Liam, James, Luke and
Rhys, also an adored great nana. Respected and
special mother-in-law of Liz, Ian and Andrea.
Loving sister of Betty and the late Peggy and an
adored aunty.

*She will be greatly missed by all who knew and
loved her.*

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Funeral Service, 181 Court Road, Barry until her
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BOUNDS

Joyce

(Formerly of Four Acre, Llantwit Major)

Peacefully on October 25 at the University Hospital
of Wales following a short illness. Devoted wife of the
late Ivor, loving mother to David & Jacqueline, much
loved sister, grandmother and great grandmother.

Resting at W. A. Brown & Son, College Street, Llantwit
Major until the funeral service at St. Illtud's Church on
Tuesday, November 10 at 2pm, followed by interment at
Boverton cemetery. Family flowers only, but donations in
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Hospice c/o the Funeral Home (cheques only).

OSBORNE

Betty

Peacefully at home on October 26, Betty, loving
wife to Sidney, much loved mother of Simon
and Jeremy, adored nana to Sam, Matthew,
Jacob, Grace and Megan, mother-in-law of
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variation is: 1. To vary the hours to permit
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inclusive. 2. To add conditions. Any
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or any other person regarding this
application must be received in writing
by: Licensing Department, Vale of
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Road, Barry CF63 4RU no later than 20
November 2015 stating the grounds for
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Wales RL team close to Championship success

WALES went one step closer to winning the 2015 European Championship on Friday night after another stunning display in attack and defence gave them a 14-6 win over France.

France hadn't, and still haven't, won a test in south Wales since 1948, this including a mauling at the hands of Western Samoa in Cardiff in the 1995 World Cup.

Early chances at either end but defences were on top in the first quarter of an hour. Both lines were pounded, Elliot Kear making one try-saving tackle, while at the other end, Courtney Davies' grubber was well collected.

France thought they had scored on 20 minutes in but a pass to the unmarked Jordan Sigismeu was so far forward it almost made the clubhouse.

Wales finally broke the deadlock on 27 minutes after Dalton Grant intercepted a stray pass and ran 60 metres to score. Courtney Davies missed the kick.

France criminally kicked a penalty that

didn't reach touch and was collected well by Rhys Williams and, with Wales attacking near to the end of the half, Christian Roets was a metre away from scoring as the whistle blew.

The home side extended their lead five minutes after the break as Joe Burke did well to receive the ball near to the sticks and force his way down through a pile of Frenchmen. Davies easily converted to make the score 10-0.

It was a spectacular third try for Wales as Courtney Davies kicked a grubber and then ran around his marker to leap on it and score in the corner. He failed to land the conversion but it gave Wales a healthy 14-0 lead.

Wales continued with their heroics at the other end as Joe Burke stopped an unimaginative French attack, and when Connor Farrer ran well to leap onto a loose ball and then win a penalty, Wales thought of kicking for goal, but in the end ran the penalty, but the move ended in a knock-on.

More heroic Welsh defending stopped Benjamin Jullien from crossing, but the French persisted. They won a penalty a metre from the

sticks but wasted their chance after being penalised for crossing when William Barthau had created a scoreable chance for Olivier Arnaud.

Wales continued to outwit their opponents, ensuring that if they couldn't score straight away then the clock would be used up.

Straight out of the training manual, Davies kicked the ball out to give France a scrum, then as Theo Fages looked to run the ball out, he was forced into a goal-line drop-out by the combined force of Rhodri Lloyd, Ollie Olds, Steve Parry and Christian Roets.

Again the Welsh defence continued to impress. Port Talbot youngster Regan Grace (18) made a mark on his

debut with 10 minutes to go, picking up a Barthau grubber in the Wales goal area to deny 'les tricolours' yet again.

From the goal-line drop out, Rhys Williams collected another standard kick to again stop the French from scoring.

Wales were seven minutes from their first clean sheet since the famous 68-0 hammering of Papua New Guinea in 1991, but the blues finally broke the wall of red as Mickael Simon scored under the sticks and Barthau quickly landed the extras.

But France didn't have enough in the tank to get anything more and Wales go to Ireland on Saturday knowing that a draw or win will give them the trophy they last won in 2010. **IG**

Evan lands an Ascot winner

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams saw his six-year-old bay gelding Padge land the Ascot Underwriting Novices' Limited Handicap Chase at Ascot on Saturday.

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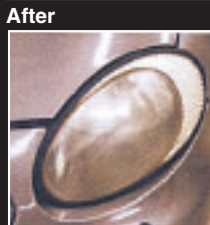
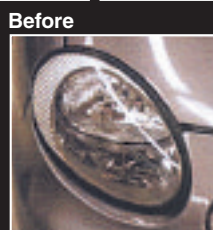
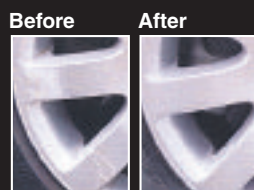
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THE team members at JSTKD Martial Arts and Fitness came home with a glittering reminder of their visit to the autumn Welsh Closed Tae Kwon Do tournament, with medals across all categories.

Held at the purpose built sports hall on the University of Wales' Caerleon Campus, the tournament attracted a significant amount of competitors from all over Wales as well as some guest clubs from further afield.

Off to a flying start was Chris Edwards who, not content with taking the gold in the Men's Blue Belt Patterns, went on to steal the bronze in a closely fought match in the Men's Blue Belt

Sparring event.

For the ladies, Lynne Doel, although missing out this time in the individual medals, more than made up for it by claiming the gold in the Ladies Tag Team contest.

Keeping it in the family, son Rhys followed suit by taking the silver in the Boys Black Belt Tag event.

Over in the Cadets Black Belt competition (older boys) Alan Li once again made his mark in both individual and tag sparring, coming away with the silver and gold.

In a fine example of girl power, Menna Birmingham mixed speed and strength to great effect as she claimed gold in the Girls Black Belt division.

However, the younger juniors made certain they weren't left

out of the medals, as Alex Munn and Zac Bowman turned in superb performances to take the silver and bronze respectively in the Boys Peewee contest.

Although not reaching the finals of their various divisions, the other team members also deserve congratulations for their great efforts on the day.

Those getting a special mention are Seren Doel, Josh and Sean Edwards, Gabe Wilfred, Mathew O'Callaghan, Xantia Hobrough, Finlay Valvo, Fraser McKenna and Joseph Powell.

To find out more about the full range of classes available throughout the Vale, please visit www.jstkd.co.uk.

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Under-6s' football fun starts

THE VOG Football League have added an under-6s' league to their growing numbers.

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Pictured above are teams and coaches with Coun Gwyn John.

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VALE YOUNGSTERS ARE PLAYING MORE SPORT!

THE latest School Sport Survey (2015) has revealed that children in the Vale are participating in sport in increasing numbers.

In a table of Wales' 22 local authorities, the Vale of Glamorgan Council has secured a top three spot for the participation of children in sport within its boundaries.

Amongst the many positive highlights to come out of the survey, a huge 83 per cent of pupils in the Vale said that they had taken part in a sport at a club outside school in the past year. Over half of all pupils in the local authority area were also

found to be taking part in sport more than three times a week according to the Sport Wales report.

Commenting, Gwyn John, Cabinet Member for Visible and Leisure Services, said: "The findings of this survey are very encouraging. The importance of keeping fit and active cannot be underestimated."

"The patterns we establish in our early years in terms of keeping fit and participating in sports can have lasting positive benefits both in terms of our health and in the development of important life skills such as teamwork."

He added: "As someone who has always been active both as a participant and spectator in sport, I can testify to the army of parents, teachers and volunteers out there who give up their time to facilitate sporting activities for children in the Vale and across Wales for that matter."

"The results of this survey are testament to their efforts and enthusiasm."

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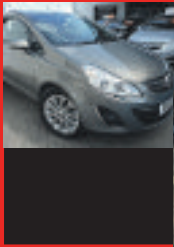
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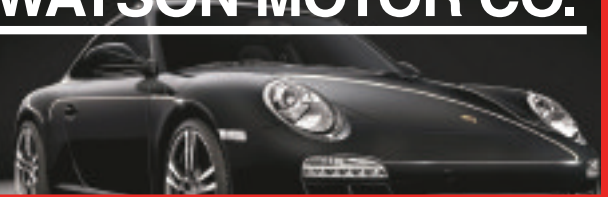
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Saints survive a real scare to defeat Masons

THE frights weren't due until the evening but Masons gave Saints the jitters by taking the lead twice in the opening 15 minutes of this Halloween game.

However, St Athan captain Mortimore grabbed the game by the scruff of the neck to guide his side to victory to remain second in the Premier Division.

Saints handed John Ball his first start of the season along with James Warne called up to the bench. Joe Laing switched from midfield to makeshift centre half as Saints were forced to reshuffle.

MMG had the perfect start when a through ball saw their forward in on goal; he stabbed it past the oncoming Paul Lucas and was subsequently brought down and a penalty awarded. MMG converted from 12 yards.

Saints' response was immediate; Courtney Goodwin's throw into the box was chested by Mortimore into a

exquisite turn and snap shot to bring Saints level. MMG were the better side in the early going and soon had the lead again when a ball into the box at pace was unfortunately fumbled by Lucas and driven into the net.

Saints began to get a foothold in the game and create chances as they looked to even the scores again. James Austin saw three efforts go agonisingly wide but the away side sensed the goal was coming.

When it did come it was sensational. A St Athan free kick, 25 yards out a little to the left of centre; Mortimore stepped up and unleashed an unstoppable effort right into the very top corner of the goal. A magnificent strike.

Saints went in level but knew they had not been at their best and had to improve if they wanted all three points. James Warne was introduced and almost made an immediate impact as he unleashed a rasping left footed drive wide.

St Athan finally took the lead when Josh Howells' ball over the top saw Craig Howells break the offside trap.

His effort was saved but Mortimore was on hand to tap in the rebound for his hat trick.

Saints now seemingly had control of the game and soon had a two goal cushion as Mortimore headed in Reece Lewis' pinpoint corner for his, and St Athan's, fourth.

Warne then showed quick feet to play in Goodwin, his first touch sublime but his strike

was saved.

Then a way back in for MMG. Their winger was adjudged to have been pulled back in the area by Laing and another spot kick was awarded and duly dispatched.

The game went back and forth with Saints playing some fine football at last. Laing, Ball, Lewis and Austin combined well to tee up Goodwin and Mortimore, who saw efforts saved.

Down the other end Lucas denied the home forward with a fine sweeping save to keep Saints in front. MMG looked to assert pressure on the away defence but found Deon Garrison, in particular, in imperious form at the centre of Saints defence.

St Athan wrapped up the points late on when Goodwin's reverse pass saw Mortimore round the keeper to score his fifth of the game!

St Athan not at their best but nonetheless come away with the all important three points. Saints remain in second spot and, with Wenvoe

not playing, move to within five points of the leaders with a game in hand. Elsewhere, Cardiff Airport won the big game of the day 3-1 against Barry Athletic.

St Athan now have a week off and return to action on November 14 at home to Penarth Town. **St Athan: Lucas, Ball, J.Howells, Garrison, Laing, Austin, R.Lewis, Geldard, C.Howells, Goodwin, Mortimore. Substitutes: Warne.**

St Athan B recorded their second win on the bounce, winning 6-4 against FC Barry B to move them up to fifth in Division Two.

Josh Morgan struck a tremendous hat trick, with the prolific Colin George bagging a double and Aaron Rogers grabbing the other. Next up for the second side is Island Marine away on Saturday.

St Athan B: MacDonald, Wolfe, Hughes, Richards, N.Cleave, Young, Stock, George, Pugh, Rogers, Morgan. Substitutes: Hampson, Watson, K.Garrison, Keen. HD

AFC run out winners away from home

LLANTWIT MAJOR AFC ran out 5-2 winners away against Llswerry in Division 3 league fixture on Saturday.

A stunning individual performance from the diminutive Rob Jones saw him bag four goals, and a very mixed bag they were too.

He opened the scoring after barely one minute as he latched onto an inch perfect pass from Danny James on the left hand edge of the box.

The home keeper found himself in 'no mans land' and Rob coolly lifted the ball over him and into the empty net.

Midway through the half Rob collected the ball wide on the left side. He cut in across two defenders and from 30 yards fired an unstoppable shot into the top left hand corner to secure Llantwit a 2-0 lead.

It was all one way traffic and Jack Lansdown was untroubled in the Llantwit goal. With three minutes to go before the break, Llantwit extended their lead further when Kris Smith launched a free kick from 30 yards which went untouched and straight into the Llswerry goal.

The break came with Llantwit comfortably three goals to the good. The early period of the

second half saw no change in the pattern as Llantwit continued to dominate. However, having made a change to rest the tireless Keiran Waagenes, an enforced change had to be made when Jake Roberts picked up a hamstring injury.

This upset Llantwit's rhythm a little and Llswerry got back in the game on the hour mark when a corner was nodded in at the far post by an unchallenged Llswerry centre back.

Soon Llswerry reduced the deficit again, when a speculative shot from a home side midfielder was misjudged by Jack Lansdown, and the swerving ball ended up nestled into his net.

At 3-2 Llantwit looked a little nervous, but Rob Jones soon sealed his hatrick when he pounced onto a loose ball in the Llswerry box. He tucked the ball away from the tightest of angles.

This was the final nail in the Llswerry coffin; Max Morgan rifled one against the bar from a fully 35 yard effort and Rob Jones deflected a Kris Smith free kick into the Llswerry goal in stoppage time to give Llantwit the win at the margin that their superiority deserved.

The next game is at home to Aberargoed from Division 1 in the cup.

DJ

CAVALIERS' FANTASTIC PROMOTION NEWS!



THE Llantwit Major Cavaliers second XI, who finished runners-up in the South Wales Cricket Association Division 7 and were not getting promoted, have had the fantastic news that they are, in fact, getting promoted to Division 6, thereby giving the Cavs a double

promotion season with the first XI taking the Division 3 Championship.

The second XI will be playing Gorseion, Maesteg, Pontyberem, Cimla, Ynystawe, Briton Ferry, Morriston, Dyffryn and Felinfoel in the 2016 season.

The Cavs would like to thank their 2015 match balls sponsor Roz Couzens

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DMC

Cowbridge RFC back in action on Saturday

FOLLOWING a most exciting Rugby World Cup, it's back to the serious business of League 3 East Central B and the SWALEC Bowl competition.

This Saturday the firsts entertain Canton at the Athletic Field and will be looking to put behind them the disappointment of the heavy defeat at Abercwmboi a couple of weeks ago. Canton are currently fifth in the table with 20 points, one place above Cowbridge who have 15 points and a game in hand.

This promises to be an exciting game and the more supporters the better, so what better way to spend a Saturday afternoon!

The youth BA are scheduled to play Merthyr away with the BF team at home against Llandaff North.

Next Saturday (November 14), the firsts travel to Penygraig, followed by Llandrindod Wells at home on November 21, St Albans at home on November 28 and Taffs Well away on December 5.

Then it's to the third round of the SWALEC Bowl, at home against Milford Haven.

Finally, a reminder that the annual firework display will be held at the Athletic Field this Thursday, starting at 7.30pm.

RV/RK

The Cowbridge darts league news round-up

ON Tuesday October 27, there was a full programme of league matches.

The Edmondres B defeated the Six Bells Inn 8-1 and took over the top spot as the present leaders, the Farmers Arms, lost 2-7 to Llanharry.

The Edmondres C won 7-2 at the Hare & Hounds and in the close game of the evening the Highwayman Inn beat the Edmondres A 5-4. The Old Post Ladies did not have a game.

Present league standings, after five matches, are: Edmondres B (29 points), Farmers Arms (25), Highwayman Inn (23), Edmondres C (23), Edmondres A (22), Llanharry (20), Six Bells Inn (17), Hare & Hounds (13) and Old Post Ladies (8).

Next week, Tuesday November 10, there is another full programme of league matches. The Edmondres C hosts the Old Post Ladies, the Farmers Arms hosts the Highwayman Inn and the Six Bells Inn hosts the Hare & Hounds.

The Edmondres A do

not have a game, while the game between the Edmondres B and Llanharry has been postponed. All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com; up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

PJT

Cowbridge under-10s shine in sun

THIS week saw Cowbridge under-10s enjoying the November sunshine in St. Peters, Cardiff, where we were joined by Old Penarthians, who each had enough boys for one team.

As usual we split our large squad into two mixed teams who would each play both clubs.

Taking conversions following a try is within the development pathway from the WRU, but it has never been decided to do so, but the referee not only said that conversions would be taken, but to make it more interesting, they would be taken by each try scorer.

Most of the boys see themselves as the next Leigh Halfpenny, so all were very excited at the prospect.

Team one were first up against Old Pens who, due to Cowbridge pressure from the first whistle, were kept in their own half for the majority of the game and it was only a matter of time before

pressure turned into points.

First over the line after some smart offloading was Jacob Robson, who then prepared himself for the conversion, lining up the ball and stroking it serenely through the posts, securing the first ever conversion for the squad.

This was closely followed by a converted try from James Collingridge. Final score 14-0.

Team two then took to the field against St. Peters. This proved to be a much closer affair. St. Peters were quicker in the ruck and turned the ball over on numerous occasions when we had to rely on our superior defensive skills.

Soon Sam Sheppard saw a gap and broke through a couple of tackles for the first try of the game which he subsequently converted.

St. Peters continued to perform better in the breakdown and their greater possession finally told with a converted try of their own to level the score 7-7.

Team two stayed on the field

to play their game against Old Pens. It proved to be quite feisty with Old Pens determined not to lose to both Cowbridge teams, but we held firm, stood our ground and eventually Harry New crossed the line and converted for a 7-0 final score, resulting in an overall result against Old Pens of 21-0.

Team one then closed out the day with their match against St. Peters. George Tuckley opened the scoring, but failed to convert for the extra points.

We were then caught napping and St. Peters replied with a converted try of their own, so we had to respond to avoid a defeat.

The team duly delivered and Ben Stephenson stretched out from a last gasp tackle on the line to score, but also missed the conversion.

That didn't matter as the final whistle blew for a game score of 10-7 and overall result against St. Peters of 17-14.

AL

Under-10s are 'awesome'!

SUNDAY saw Llantwit Major under-10s travel to Tonyrefail for a morning of rugby.

Players for the matches were: Braydan Griffiths, Owen Richards, Roman Taylor, Thomas George, Corey Cox, Joshua Campbell, Marcus Hamner, Kian Barnett, Dylan Brown, Tomas Clarke, Tom Hamlet, Dafydd Morgan, Lewys Ingram and Thomas Lamreton.

The first match was against Treorchy - it was an excellent game of rugby, the boys played really well. At half-time they were losing 2-0 but the boys got back into the game in the second half with some great defending and offloading resulting in tries being scored.

Llantwit went ahead 3-2 but in the last few seconds Treorchy managed to score a try.

The final score was 3-

3, try scorers for this match were Tomas Clarke (2) and Joshua.

The second match was against Tonyrefail - this was a fantastic game of rugby, both teams playing some outstanding rugby, and at half-time the score was 2-2.

In the second half the boys started talking to each other and making some good decisions with the ball. The defending got better and the rucking also.

The boys were offloading the ball and tries were being scored which was great to see.

The final score was Llantwit 4, Tonyrefail 5, try scorers for this match were Lewys, Dylan, Dafydd and Braydan.

Men of the matches were Roman and Tomas Clarke. In the words of coach Dave, that was "awesome" rugby - well done boys, keep it up.

MG



PLANNING AHEAD FOR WALES' RUGBY WORLD CUP CHALLENGE 2019



Japan points the way to final piece of the jigsaw Welsh camp must target that last 10 minutes when games are won and lost

AS the dust settles on an epic Rugby World Cup final, which saw the All Blacks retain their crown and cruise imperiously into the history books with a record-breaking 34-17 back-to-back title win over Australia, the absence of a home side in the showpiece finale at Twickenham graphically highlighted the gap that still remains between the hemispheres.

For the host team, England, of course, the occasion was doubly discomfiting after all the pre-tournament hype by the London media – as evinced by bizarre bursts of 'Swing Low Sweet Chariot' from frustrated home supporters in the capacity crowd who had bought tickets clearly in expectation of seeing their team in the final at 'HQ'.

The one-sided nature of a match in which the result was never in doubt from the moment man-of-the-match Dan Carter struck the first of four penalties (he would also drop a goal and convert two of his side's three tries) was sobering, given that Australia (who could only summon a penalty and two converted tries) were ostensibly the world champions' closest challengers and had easily ended England's World

BACK PAGE COMMENT

by Don John

Cup challenge at the pool stage.

However, few should really have been surprised by the outcome: New Zealand and Australia had locked horns 154 times in the 112 years since they first clashed in 1903 – with the All Blacks winning 105 matches, the Wallabies 42, and seven drawn.

The silver fern's record win over their rivals was 51-20 at Eden Park, Auckland last year – followed by a 41-13 pre-World Cup result; although Australia gained revenge to win the Rugby Championship (previously the Tri Nations) with the Springboks, but now including Argentina – who showed in RWC 2015 that they are reaping the benefit of regularly competing in such august company).

Statistics, though, do little justice to fiercely-contested affairs played at pace, with little quarter asked or given in the power battle up front – as evidenced in Saturday's global showpiece.

The nearest equivalent on this side of 'the pond', is the arch rivalry between Wales and England, who in contrast, have met 127 times in 134 years since 1881 – but at nothing like the sustained intensity over the full 80 minutes-plus which invariably give the southern hemisphere giants a vital edge in tight encounters that nowadays often go right down to the wire.

That may well have a bearing on the frustrating inability of northern hemisphere sides, including Wales, to pass what I would call the 'tingle-10-test' – and nail down victory in those final 10 minutes of tingling excitement in a match, with the result on a knife edge as the clock winds down to full time.

That was again demonstrated in this campaign with an injury-ravaged Wales heroically overcoming a catalogue of misfortune, but falling just short at the death, against both South Africa and Australia, when victory was there for the taking, particularly when the latter were down to just 13 men with two players in the sin bin.

For most of that frantic period, Wales were encamped on the opposing line, battering manfully away at the depleted Oz defence, yet somehow failed to stretch it and turn overwhelming possession into widespread attack.

Thus a golden opportunity to advance further against Scotland in the semi-final was lost.

Looking back, how galling it must have been for Warren Gatland and the Welsh camp to know that despite the ill luck that had dogged them, even before day one, and robbed them of several key personnel, they and not Australia, could well have been facing New Zealand on Saturday... If only attacking nous had been equal to stout defence... and if only they could have held on to that one-point lead at 19-18 in those last crucial minutes before full time.

In this respect, the baffling question mark that had hung over the future of defence coach, Shaun Edwards, has thankfully been removed – it is inconceivable that Wales could contemplate being without him for the three-test tour to New Zealand in the summer. The mastermind behind a magnificent

effort by a weakened force that conceded only three tries throughout the tournament, has retained his place in the Welsh back room until the next Rugby World Cup in 2019.

This, of course, will take place in Japan, who pointed the way forward for Wales with what was arguably the attacking display of the championship, defeating eventual third-placed South Africa 34-32 through speed of thought, hand, and foot – and, crucially, quick ball – rather than being drawn into a physical arm wrestle they were unlikely to win.

With that in mind, and with the decision made to retain the coaching team *en bloc*, it will be fascinating to see if Welsh planning for RWC 2019 continues on its well-worn (and to be fair, successful) path, in northern hemisphere terms; or if head coach Warren Gatland will now be contemplating a subtle change of direction for a third and perhaps final attempt to wrest rugby's holy grail away from his Kiwi compatriots.

Time alone will tell... But either way, a key factor in all this will be the success, or otherwise, of the four professional Welsh regions.

The harsh reality is that they too face a pressing challenge over the next four years – to move to a much higher level of excellence and consistency of performance than hitherto – if they are to become a truly competitive force in Europe at last, and underpin the work and aspirations of the national head coach.

In the past, the under-performing regions could point to being at a financial disadvantage compared to their English and French counterparts, but things are changing and while it may never become a level playing field, funding has substantially improved.

Now they at least share some £28million per year from WRU coffers (apart from their other sources of income) and should be buoyed by the current 'feel good' factor in Wales following on the national team's acclaimed World Cup displays. It is doubtful, though, if money issues alone can explain their continued lack of sustained success in European competition.

Moreover, the new WRU regime, now joined by group chief executive Martyn Phillips, has been bequeathed a healthy balance sheet to build on by the departing Roger Lewis, who vacated the post this week, leaving a record £64million turnover, record earnings of over £30million a year, and the inherited £75million debt largely incurred in developing the Millennium Stadium, slashed to a manageable £14.2million.

It is to be hoped that Lewis, who also oversaw the game-changing arrival (literally) of Gatland, is given due credit for his efforts which transformed the financial fortunes of the once ailing WRU – unlike his predecessor, Glanmor Griffiths, the man behind the stadium in Cardiff that is now a Wales and global icon, but lest we forget, faced bitter opposition from many who now sing its praises.

He, too, was a much-maligned, controversial figure, who never received full recognition for his contribution to Welsh rugby's renaissance and eventual return to the world stage.

Can Roger Lewis hope to fare any better?

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